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TOGETHER with articles from the Westminster Papers, and notes, by eminent players of the best of English card games, that are deserving of consideration, Portland's "Treasury" contains a few essays that should have been omitted from his rather heavy book. The writer of 'A True Story of a Legacy and some Games of Whist,' a tale about some London card-sharpers and their victim, is under the impression that Demerara is an "island," a misconception that should have been corrected by Portland's editorial pen. If his whist is no better than his English, we should not like to have for partner in a rubber the author of the paper entitled 'The Emperor Napoleon III. and Lord Lytton as Whist Players,' which opens with these words: "There was something fascinating in these two great men—the Emperor and Lord Lytton. Each were whist players, though neither of them were in the first rank."

Dedicated to "the members of the Reform Club who frequent its card room," in whose company the author has passed "many happy hours," Mr. Courtney's volume is a much more commendable performance than Portland's. Indeed, the book is so pleasant and uniformly entertaining that it is more likely to be over-praised than under-valued. Made for the most part of personal gossip taken from the works of previous writers—from biographical dictionaries, magazines, volumes of ana, and "memoirs"—it is unquestionably a piece of bookmaking; but the writer has classified his anecdotes so discreetly, and retold them so agreeably, that he will not fail to take and hold a high place amongst bookmakers. Whether he is gossiping about "the birth and progress of whist," or card-playing dignitaries of the Church, or "whist at the universities,"

or soldiers who won by turns rubbers and battles, or "celebrated whist parties," or famous whist gamblers, or the authors of books about whist, Mr. Courtney is so amusing a companion that we are scarcely less thankful for his old than for his new stories.

Of course, Mr. Courtney gives due prominence to the question whether whist may be played without impiety on Christmas Day and Sunday. To show that persons of no mean authority have sanctioned the playing of rubbers on Christmas Day, Mr. Courtney tells how, in a speech delivered in the House of Lords at the close of August, 1831, Brougham, speaking on the authority of the late Dr. Parr, averred that Archbishop Moore, albeit "he was not much attached to the game," never "suffered a Christmas Day to pass without playing a game at whist." Whether whist may be played on Sunday as well as on Christmas Day may appear to some persons a more doubtful and momentous question. But even to this the practice of another Primate lent support. When Archbishop Cornwallis—a Primate whose way of passing the Sunday is said to have provoked remonstrance from George III.—ruled at Lambeth, Sunday whist was certainly regarded in the palace as permissible. The Rev. William Cole, whose MSS. are often asked for in the Reading Room of the British Museum, used to play a rubber occasionally on Sunday with the Archbishop. Cole himself writes on the subject:—

"I have, as William Cole, no particular objection to a game of cards, even on a Sunday evening, but as vicar of a parish, I should think myself highly blameable to do so in my parish, or as a clergyman anywhere in a country where the prejudice is so vehement against it."

By giving a card party one Sunday night at her London house, Kitty, the famous Duchess of Queensberry, provoked a riot that cost her not a little for broken glass. Mr. Courtney says of her Grace:—

"Throughout her long life she loved to be immersed in gaiety, and her originality of character endeared her still more to the wits of the Georges. She gave a masquerade, and when the witching hour of twelve struck she dismissed half her guests, and allowed only her especial friends to remain to supper. One Sunday night in winter she held 'a great card rout' at her home. The mob heard the news, and assembled in tumultuous crowds. A great riot ensued, the ducal windows were broken, and the hostess was accused of having brought shame on a Christian nation. In the following October her eldest son, while travelling with his parents and wife, 'shot himself with a horsepistol on the road beyond Newark,' and the sad event was generally considered a judgment."

Lady Mary Coke added to her eccentricities the habit of playing cards on Sunday; but, as appears from the following passage of Mr. Courtney's book, she had many to keep her company:—

"The rage for cards is set out in almost every page of the journals of that whimsical but warm-hearted friend Lady Mary Coke. Card parties were the mania of the day, and it mattered little to the fashionable denizens of Mayfair whether they were held on weekdays or on Sundays. Before the winter of 1766-67 her most frequent diversion consisted of a game at quadrille with her mother, but on Sunday, November 9th, 1766, she played at 'whisk' at

the house of Lady Harrington, but she only 'play'd one ruber.' On the following Sunday the course of fashion took her to the house of the French Ambassadress, where 'she play'd two rubers at whisk,' and then left for the abode of another august dame in high life, at which she won ten guineas at loo. Then home, 'eat my rosted apples, read a little in the Bible, and went to bed.' Next year sped in the same fashion. Early in the month of January Lady Mary played 'at whist, and lost six guineas'; and before its close she paid a visit to the rooms of the Princess Amelia, then one of her staunch friends, and played at 'whisk' with the Princess, Lord Coventry, and Lord Ashburnham. They all 'laughed extremely,' though poor Lady Mary, usually an unlucky performer, 'play'd with very ill luck, and lost eleven guineas.' In the following April the Princess was set down 'to whisk' at Lady Temple's, and throughout that year as well as its successors, the brilliant company in which Lady Mary Coke moved spent part of their Sunday evenings in whist or some other congenial diversion."

In connexion with these anecdotes about Sunday whist a droll story of David Hume, an enthusiastic whist player, may be reproduced in Mr. Courtney's words:—

"Before Hume built his house in the New Town he occupied a lodging in the lofty building called St. James's Court, Edinburgh, on the south side of the earthen mound. On the floor below him dwelt Mrs. Campbell of Succoth, mother of Lord President Sir Islay Campbell. One Sunday evening Hume slipped down from his rooms to take tea with the old lady, and found her surrounded by a group of pious old dames. The entrance of so notorious a 'heretic' created some dismay in the circle, but this transient feeling of horror was quickly dispelled by the pleasantness of his conversation. the tea-things had been removed, Hume turned to his hostess and, without moving a muscle of his countenance, put to her the question, 'Well, Mrs. Campbell, where are the cards?' To this awkward question the poor lady could only answer, in words of truthfulness, no doubt, but of little effect, 'The cards, Mr. Hume, surely you forget what day it is.' This meek reply did not induce her tormentor to drop the subject, for he continued with, 'Not at all, madam; you know we often have a quiet rubber on a Sunday evening.' The venerable rubber on a Sunday evening.' The venerable dame tried in vain to induce him to withdraw this accusation, but he persisted in reiterating it, and at last she swept him away with this remark, 'Now, David, you'll just be pleased to walk out of my house, for you are not fit com-pany in it to-night.'"

In the time when an archbishop and his friends could maintain that whist was a fit game for Sunday, in places where it could be played without offending prejudiced neighbours, it was the practice of some entertainers to forbear until the clock in the card room struck the hour of midnight. And it is said that at least in one house, where this rule was insisted on, the cardroom clock was usually too fast by full half an hour.

Of the several stories told in 'English Whist' of whist-playing ladies, not the least amusing is an anecdote about Mrs. Macaulay, the historian, and Dr. Monsey, of Chelsea Hospital. "History," says Mr. Courtney.

"was the subject of her study; cards became her amusement. Her brother, the reforming Alderman Sawbridge, ranked, in the opinion of most experts of the game, as the leading whist player of his time; but his sister was possessed of greater enthusiasm than excellence in the game. One evening, so the story runs, she was engaged in a rubber at which that coarse cynic

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Dr. Monsey had taken a place, and her delay in deliberating as to the card which she should put down wore out his patience. With 'blunt sincerity' the rough old physician of Chelsea Hospital blurted out that the table had waited for some time, whereupon the lady, with equal ardour and greater anger, retaliated that he was mistaken, 'as she was known to be always very quick at cards.' Little, however, did this retort benefit her, for the brutal Monsey at once replied: 'If so, yours, madam, is a new species of celerity.' Was the lady justified in her resentment? Great as is the sympathy of most of us with her at the coarse attacks to which her opinions in politics often exposed her, it is impossible to adopt her cause at the card table. There is no nuisance at whist so great as the player, whether male or female, who hesitates, touches four cards, and then plays a fifth, perhaps the worst which could have been selected."

The plea is a poor excuse for Monsey's ill manners. No man should incense a woman at a whist table with irritating words, unless he is confident of his ability to conciliate her as promptly and effectually as Sir John Easthope soothed the outraged feelings of Lady Wyattville:—

"Sir John Easthope, the proprietor of the Morning Chronicle, was spending a holiday in 1853 at the Bains de Tivoli, a private hotel in Paris. Charles Mackay, the well-known newspaper writer, was a visitor in the same hotel, and was invited to Sir John's private room to play a rubber. His partner was Lady Wyattville, a sharp, active old woman over eighty years of age, but still preserving traces of her youthful beauty. She revoked, and was accused of the crime, but met the accusation with vehement denial; and when the proofs of the charge were produced treated her accuser with 'haughty' disdain, and not very polite contradiction! Sir John lost his patience, and rising from his chair rasped out with abrupt anger: 'Madame, you are a cheat!' Her eyes flashed fire; she rose from her chair, and advanced towards the offender. By this time he had recovered his coolness and presence of mind, and was only bent on extricating himself from a false position. 'Yes, madame, I repeat it—you cheat abominably; and in the course of a long life,' he added, laying his hand upon his heart, 'I have invariably noticed that the handsomer a woman is, the more she cheats at cards.' This compliment to her person, at the expense of other qualities, produced the desired effect. She resumed her seat, with smiles mantling her face."

As Dr. Monsey, a London physician figuring amongst the leaders of "the faculty," could worry so momentous a personage as Mrs. Macaulay with unmannerly speech, it is not surprising that a country doctor of Earl Soham, in High Suffolk, assailed with wilder words the maiden lady who was his partner in a rubber:—

"A pleasing specimen of irritation which broke from the lips of a doctor in Suffolk is set out by Mr. Groome in the pages of Blackwood's Magazine for March, 1891. This disciple of Galen was playing whist one evening with an elderly spinster. She trumped his best card, an act by a weak partner which often upsets the best devised plans of a Clay or a Cavendish, and at the end of the hand the doctor asked the reason why. The lady's soft reply did not succeed in turning away the wrath of the infuriated questioner. 'Oh, Dr. Belman, I judged it judicious!' was her smiling answer. His fury burst all bounds. He thundered out, in ever-increasing harshness of tone, 'Judicious!' The lady never played again."

This unfortunate lady's soft answer was neither more foolish nor more comical than

the reply made by another gentlewoman, who, on being called to account for the same offence by her indignant partner, pleaded that she had "a right to speculate." The Dr. Belman of Mr. Groome's story was the country doctor who, on being asked what he thought of "phrenology," answered, with equal promptitude and gravity, "I never keep it, and never use it. But I have heard that, given every three hours in large doses, it has been very useful in certain cases of gout." The medical man of Earl Soham, who had been so quick to call a lady an old fool, imagined "phrenology" was the name of a new medicine.

On the Art of writing Fiction. (Wells Gardner, Darton & Co.)
My First Book. (Chatto & Windus.)

Ir more people held Mr. Lang's views con-cerning "advice to intending authors," their numbers might not have swelled so visibly and awfully of late, and the little manual 'On the Art of writing Fiction' might never have been written. The notion of getting together a consensus of opinions on the way to "make" fiction by eleven well-known writers, male and female, if not valuable, is interesting as a sign of the times. Barring certain exceptions and restrictions, the general outlook may be said to tend to the encouragement rather than the discouragement of literary aspirants. Which is the saner and more desirable point of view is not for us to decide. The facile successes of a few clever amateurs, and still more the discussions and counsels of literary folk themselves on the practice of their profession, have stimulated the multitude to take up its pen. Secrets of the trade and revelations of particular methods of plying it have been freely given away, with the result that shoals of ungifted persons believe they have only to go in to win. So much has of late been written about writing, it might be thought there would be little to add when rules and canons have once been laid down; but art and literature are subjects that leave vague somethings still to say. The volumes before us prove it.

Mr. Norris leads off with a neat disquisition on 'Style in Fiction,' which at least shows his own mastery of the mysterious quality. He holds that it is as necessary to know how to tell a story as to have one to tell; but he thinks the art may be learntthat an easy, natural style can be acquired or invented; in short, that a writer can be taught to make his audience see what he sees. Exactly so; but can he, one asks, be made to see? In that, as in a nutshell, lies the whole question of fictional capacity or incompetence. After giving a clever receipt or two Mr. Norris himself suggests that the Scotch housewife's remarks on the art of scone-making may after all fit the case. Mrs. Macquoid's paper on 'Vision in Literature' is evidently the result of thought and ex-perience. Like Mr. Lang, she believes that the power to visualize is the best test of literary aptitude-that to attempt to write novels without it is worse than useless. She is, therefore, less eager than some of her fellow contributors to beckon on the aspirant to fame or, it may be, disappointment. Mr. Baring-Gould discourses of the where, when,

and why of 'Colour in Fiction,' and draws illustrations from his own and others' novels, "Lance Falconer" writes luminously of the limits and uses of the short story, as she is well able to do; and there are others who write of other points and problems with more or less authority and discretion.

It is not surprising that 'My First Book' should be a somewhat portly volume when one considers that it contains no fewer than twenty-two "experiences" by successful novelists on the making and publishing of the first born of their respective brains. Also there is a preface by Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, who is, indeed, the moving spirit of this authors' symposium. Some of the persons, male and female, whom he has induced to unfold their tale of literary achievement, are newly "arrived," others are veterans. Portraits of most of them accompany the letterpress; of others only sketches of their "hearths and homes" are given, the particular spots where they sit, dine, or hatch their plots. That all this will prove a joy to the curious, and to those who openly hanker after exact reproductions of particular arm-chairs, lamp-shades, favourite children, or it may be the chosen husbands or wives of their favourite novelists, goes without saying. In spite of lavish and what are sometimes called "spirited" drawings, there be some who know, and others who do not know, the originals, rude and ungrateful enough to wish their presentments—anywhere.

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But there are more important matters than these. The reader obtains some information, not entirely unwelcome, about business, much of which is clearly trustworthy, and therefore evidently useful and interesting. There are seemingly candid and not too egotistical confidences, sound practical advice to beginners, humorous anecdotes, utterances grave or gay, and, on the whole, a spirit of sincere enthu-siasm for the art and practice of fiction. At least one novel, the career of which we have ourselves watched with interest, and whose real authorship has been ignored and speculated on, stands at length revealed. Even those authors who must, one would fancy, in spite of successes, have at first suffered many things at the hands of publishers and the public, show—with one or two exceptions—very little real bitterness. In these confessions (by their victims, and occasionally their masters) the publishing confraternity come out not badly. The authors in many instances pay a tribute to their uprightness and understanding. We should like to particularize a little, to mention various writers, to note what they say and how they say it, but space forbids. The book is besides rather a collective than an individual effort, and we therefore avoid individual criticism. The existence of such a volume is only one more proof of how important the novel has become here and in France, and the interest the public and, it must be supposed, the average reader now take in discussions about the profession of

Apropos of his first novel, 'The Family Scapegrace,' Mr. Payn in his dry and amusing way tells how some of the material was collected, how "Tickerandua the Lion Tamer arrived in Edinburgh in the nick

"At that time (though I have seen a great deal of them since) lions were entirely out of my line, and also tamers; but this gentleman my line, and also tamers; but this gentleman was a most attractive specimen of his class.....
His actual height, says my note-book, could scarcely have been less than six feet two, while it was artificially increased by a circlet of cock's feathers set in a coronet which the majority of enraptured beholders believed to be of virgin and a punch more depressing it less with gold ..... A much more dangerous, if less painful, experience was his daily (and nightly) doings with the lions. There were two of them, with a lioness of an uncertain temper, who jumped through hoops at his imperious bidding toils and perils of the day were o'er ..... I also became acquainted with the Earthman and Earthwoman, the slaughterman of the Establishment, Mr. and Mrs. Tredgold (its proprietors), and other individuals seldom met with in ordinary society."

Mr. Clark Russell, it seems, began to write his sea stories not without misgivings as to their reception by the public :-

"I asked myself, Who is interested in the merchant service? What public shall I find to listen to me? Those who read novels want stories about love and elopements, abductions, and the several violations of the sanctities of domestic life.....Will it be possible to interest ladies in forecastle life and in the prosaics of the cabin ?..... I shrank from launching anything real, anything with strakes and treenails ..... I judged that the sea story had been rendered wholly ridiculous by the strenuous periodic and Christmas labours of the Writer for Boys."

The Meaning of History, and other Historical Pieces. By Frederic Harrison. (Macmillan

MR. FREDERIC HARRISON tells us in his prefatory note the exact history of each of the old lectures and magazine articles that he has here combined into some sort of a volume, so that we have no reason to complain that he is passing off old wares for new, or disconnected pieces for a connected book. Yet we cannot but think that it is not the best course to build up a volume out of more or less heretogeneous material, to label each separate lecture or essay "chapter i., "chapter ii.," and so on, and then put on the back of the book so ambitious a title as 'The Meaning of History.' For, to tell the truth, though Mr. Harrison's volume is in many ways a delightful and agreeable one, its merits are more or less on the surface. We read it for the easy and scholarly style, which is always adequate, nearly always appropriate, and not seldom really eloquent and impressive. We delight in the broad and suggestive generalizations in which a well-read man of the world condenses the results of over thirty years of teaching and reading. We welcome the protest against pedantry in spelling, and are amused by the clever demonstration of the inconsistencies and contradictions of the very purists themselves. Strong common sense, great power of grouping and arranging, wide general views of history, a holy and most righteous horror of "periods" and "cram," and a real sympathy and love for some parts of his subject are the merits of Mr. Harrison's agreeable book. But it is neither deep, nor learned, nor profound. The reader will certainly not get much of the "meaning" of history from it, though he may the technical aids to history is as common

well be stimulated and refreshed as well as often instructed. It is only when Mr. Harrison comes to deal minutely with any period that we see on how scanty a basis his broad generalizations rest. He writes a brilliant "University Extension" lecture on the thirteenth century that doubtless delighted the "summer vacation students" at Oxford. But it is not necessary to be a very profound specialist to see in nearly every page of the "synthetic survey," as he labels his lecture, how very little Mr. Harrison really knows about the subject. Before he went to press he should have removed the many signs of haste and amateurishness which mar its vigorous yet graceful pages. A teacher of history of thirty-two years experience ought not to write about the "expulsion of the Christians from Palestine at the close of the twelfth century' to misdate Simon of Montfort's Parliament more than once; to regard such an anti-feudal king as Philip Augustus as a sort of type of the "inner soul of Catholic Feudalism"; to copy a misprint in the table of contents of Milman's 'Latin Christianity,' and so prolong Innocent IV.'s papacy forten years beyond its time; to ignore Portugal, Aragon, and Navarre by speaking of "Spain constituted as a kingdom under Ferdinand III. and Alfonso X."; to call Rudolf of Hapsburg "the parallel, I had almost said the equal, of our Edward I."; to describe Edward I. as "cultured" or "creative"; to speak of the "famous Etablissements of St. Louis at the "famous Etablissements of St. Louis at the middle of the century"; to call Paris, Oxford, and Montpellier "wholly secular schools"; to talk of Merton as the home of "true monks," and of the "teachers and rulers" (does he mean Ingulf?) sent out by Croyland; nor to make "feudal," in defiance of the asso-ciations which a lawyer like Mr. Hawison ciations which a lawyer like Mr. Harrison ought to realize, practically synonymous with all that is "medieval" without being Catholic. Nor is this slip-shod way of writing the only shortcoming. If we turn to the brilliant and often well-weighed glorifications of the French Revolution, we find that Mr. Harrison's elaborate statistics are sometimes not easy to verify, and that Mr. Harrison does not understand the customs system of France before the Revolution. In fact, want of exact knowledge is the main fault of the book, and this shortcoming rather diminishes our confidence in Mr. Harrison as the interpreter of the "meaning of history." Moreover, the care-lessness with which the book has been prepared for the press allows little tricks of style and expression to occur again and again, and sometimes one "chapter" goes over a good deal of the same ground as some other "chapter." The prophetic vaticinations as to the future of London should have been left out, as not history

As we have not scrupled to deal frankly with the shortcomings of Mr. Harrison's book, common fairness makes it necessary for us to point out those of his essays that please us best. The 'Oxford Dialogue' on the 'History Schools' is an admirable piece of fooling, though those who really know Oxford will be amused at the idea

an evil as the tendency towards over-great love of "periods." The traveller's impressions of Constantinople are excellent, and often remind us of Mr. Freeman's inimitable way of mixing up geography and history. Very good, too, of its kind is the discourse on Paris as an historic city, which may, we hope, turn many a tourist from the boulevards hope, turn many a tourist from the boulevards and operas to the old churches, old houses, and quaint corners that have survived Haussmann. And we are heartily with Mr. Harrison in his denunciations of "paleographic purism" (why, however, does he himself fall into the vice of purism in speaking of "Muaviah" instead of employing the form consecrated by Gibbon?), and thoroughly grees with his holding up to seem the agree with his holding up to scorn the "restorer" of ancient churches. Indeed, we are so much in sympathy with the general aim of Mr. Harrison's work that we all the more regret that he is not more completely equipped for every side of his task. But we must protest against the frequency with which he forces his personal views down our throats, and also raise our voices against the levity that airily talks of Macaulay's history as a "fascinating storybook" and describes Mr. S. R. Gardiner as "a conscientious annalist." Yet with all these faults there are few who would not derive both pleasure and profit from Mr. Harrison's essays and lectures.

Elder Conklin, and other Stories. By Frank Harris. (Heinemann.)

This is a remarkable little book. To declare of it that it is the sort of book Guy de Maupassant might have written, had he been an Englishman, and had he spent the most impressionable years of his life in the Western States instead of in Brittany, unfortunately only takes us but a short way, for Maupassant was a Frenchman, and the distinction is vital. In France the tradition of a first-rate prose style is so vigorous that no writer of eminence can escape it. Sainte-Beuve praises, and praises justly, the prose of his nation as its supreme literary gift-"cette netteté remarquable d'exécution," as he says, whose strength lies in its lucidity and whose charm is beyond words. Mr. Frank Harris, who most obviously regards his work as a story-teller with extreme seriousness (the lime labor is manifest again and again in this republished and selected collection), starts with the yet further disadvan-tage of a journalistic training in the handling of English prose. Of style as style he possesses little, and there is not the slightest apparent effort to attain to it. Whether from choice or necessity, he throws all purely literary uses aside, and stakes everything on the story and the characterization. His own personality counts for nothing, and it is difficult to tell from anything he has written what are his likes and dislikes, or how he looks upon this thing or on that. He covers a large portion of ground which has been covered (alas! too frequently and too effusively) by Mr. Bret Harte, but the contrast is striking. Half of the pleasure to be found in the best and most characteristic work of the American lies in its charming subjectivity, in the constant play over the surface of the story of the delicate individual criticism of the writer. The same is true of Mr. Rudyard

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Kipling, who has done for Anglo-India a similar service. Yet so far as they concern Mr. Harris, whether in regard to similarity of subject or method of treatment, they might never have written at all. If we seek his conclusions on the life which he portrays, we must seek them in nothing less than the whole tendency of his work. Most of Mr. Bret Harte's Western Americans, in this respect evincing their unmistakable parentage, are somewhat too keenly aware of themselves. They know far too much about the point of view of Boston and New York, having even a vague intuition of that of London and Europe. Mr. Harris's Western Americans exist absolutely for and in themselves. They are devoid of the sense of cosmopolitan humour. They are ferocious in their provincialism, and quite blind to all social criteria but their own. Only once (in the title story) does a typical representative of the typical Eastern States intrude his dubious presence, and he brings no illumination with him. Mr. Harris would seem to wish to say his say concerning the land west of the Mississippi, and the people who inhabit that land, with the smallest possible foreign admixture, and even that only for the sake of contrast. The result is a picture as unlovely and barbaric as it is powerful and convincing. The sincerity of the work, its sombre insis tence, its simplicity, give it an actuality which at times is painful. The men and women live and move and have their being with that sort of aching, over-charged emotionalism which we experience only for ourselves or others in moments of the keenest mental tension. Balzac, no doubt, could have drawn such a figure as Elder Conklin-so stonily pathetic, so hopelessly repellent in its tearless agony of bewildered frustration. To have put beside him such an incarnation of healthy, youthful, and lovely feminine animality as his daughter Loo is, indeed, a triumph in creative workmanship. The same sure hand presides over a little gallery of Western American girls, passing by grades of ascension into the two fair students who are rivals for the one really civilized and attractive male character who appears in all these stories. Of him, moreover (the Professor in 'Gulmore the Boss'), "these States," in Whitman's claptrap phrase—or at any rate these Western States — very soon prove not only their desire but their capacity to promptly and finally get rid. The one other lovable character, Charlie Muirhead, the miner, is buried within a week of his arrival, though it is just to add that this was largely his own fault, since he had had full warning of the social usages of the place. As what the journalists love to call an indictment of the American civilization or sub-civilization, that social stage over the savage aspects of which Mr. Bret Harte has cast so illusive a glamour - the soullessly materialistic side of which Mr. Frank Harris is the first to present to our literature - this book is a stumbling-block for every believer in Transatlantic democracy. This, however, is Mr. Harris's first effort, at least as a storyteller, and is very unlikely to be his last; and in his next one we may perhaps hope to have work somewhat less remorselessly

impartial, less scientifically realistic, less limited by what at heart seems the embitterment of disillusion.

P. Cornelii Taciti Dialogus de Oratoribus. Edited by Alfred Gudeman. (Boston, U.S., Ginn & Co.)

Tacitus: Dialogus de Oratoribus. Edited by C. E. Bennett. (Same publishers.)

Mr. Gudeman's elaborate and important edition of the 'Dialogus' follows hard upon that recently published by Prof. Peterson. The American scholar occasionally refers to the English editor when he deals with textual matters, but not in the explanatory comments. The two works naturally contain much common matter, as they draw largely from the same sources, but they often supplement each other usefully, and together give a very complete view of the present state of knowledge concerning the treatise. Nor will any great advance in the solution of the difficulties which it contains be made until some scholar brings to bear on them the results of a prolonged and minute first-hand study of ancient Latin literature, particularly the

literature of the Silver Age. From the time of its discovery until now, the 'Dialogus' has held the attention of scholars quite as much by the mystery of its authorship as by its intrinsic value. The history of the discussions to which it has given rise is carefully and circumstantially narrated by Mr. Gudeman. Within the last few decades there has been a remarkable revolution in favour of attributing 'the tract to Tacitus, a view which is warmly embraced by the present editor. Mr. Gude-man's study of the text gives evidence of great patience, a full acquaintance with the work of his predecessors, and a competent critical faculty. His apparatus criticus is much fuller than any which has previously appeared. We may note in passing that he summarily dismisses as of no consequence the Harleian MS. for which Prof. Peterson made out so interesting a history. Most of the emendations of corrupt passages which can fairly be regarded as possible have been already made, and an editor must now, in handling the text, mainly occupy himself in weighing the reasons for or against the proposals of others, rather than in devising corrections of his own. Mr. Gudeman is generally reasonable and sound, whether he puts forward suggestions of his own, or debates the opinions of other scholars. His exegesis in defence of the readings of the MSS. is often highly successful. But he is not free from the com-monest fault of textual critics, that of laying stress upon trifles. This is often conspicuously shown in his manner of introducing paleographical considerations for or against particular readings. An emender who has not got palæography well woven into the texture of his brain is, of course, imperfectly equipped for his task. But many readers, recalling the whimsicalities of scribes, will smile at the remark (on p. 90) that the proposal of Muretus to read sive for uel "leaves the origin of the corruption unexplained." So, too, with a statement on p. 142 that "no conceivable reasons can ever have prompted a scribe to alter 'Nerone' to Neronem." How many

scribes waited to be prompted either by reasons or by reason? They wrote what their eyes seemed to see, and it is foolish to expect in all cases to be able to trace the cause of their failure. Mr. Gudeman's criticism might be turned with much force against some of his own proposals. What could have induced a scribe to change tuetur into "tueor," to the detriment of the

sense (p. 144)?

While the explanatory comments are remarkably full and useful, they would have benefited by being more severely sifted and tested in minor details. We have observed no misconception that can be called important, but there are a number of slight matters which might well receive further consideration. We can only mention a few of these, as they occur in the book. P. 58, in Cic. 'Phil.,' 2, § 7, Halm's reading "multae et tam magnae" is improbable, since the lection of D there is "multae et magnae," and V alone gives "m. et iam magnae," which has arisen from the widespread error of writing etiam for et. P. 60, diversus with the sense of varius probably does not occur before the "Scriptores Historiae Augustae." P. 72, there are numerous examples of legere aliquem for de alique, but do they justify "legere quid debuerit"? P. 115, for tot substantival there is quoted Cic. 'Pro Caelio,' § 66, "tot unum valentes im-becillum"; but tot goes with valentes, the comma placed after unum by some editors being erroneous. P. 120, decurrere with the meaning "to have recourse to" appears to be only used in the passive, and impersonally. P. 131, a note on vestrum runs

"Scholars obstinately refuse to recognize the use of vester=tuus, although Munro, Elucidat. to Catullus, p. 216, has adduced several indisputable instances, e.g., Cat. xxxix. 20, vester expolitior dens est; xcix. 6, tantillum vestrae demere saevitiae. Cf. also Verg. Aen., x. 188, crimen, Amor, vestrum; Cic. de orat., iii. 47, 182, Aristoteles, Catule, vester. Wilkins, ad Cic. de orat., i. 35, 160, begs the question when he says that the 2 pers. plur. is never found with a singular force in Latin, for this is true only because the many available passages in support of Munro's view are not admitted by him as evidence.

There are several unsatisfactory points about this note. The charge of begging the question recoils upon Mr. Gudeman. Munro in the passage quoted gives no example of the usage excepting the very two from Catullus which are here repeated with a misleading "e.g." in front of them. Again, it would have been interesting to be told where the "many available passages" are to be found. Certainly, the two from Cic. 'De Orat.' cannot count among them. Cicero, in 1, § 160, would never have made Scaevola say to Cotta "quid tacetis?" had Scaevola and Cotta been the only persons present. And vester in the other place has the sense of "belonging to your school," a sense which is easily paralleled; so, too, Cicero often writes noster when he means "belonging to my school" or "my set." The passage in the 'Dialogus' is most naturally interpreted in the same way. It will hardly be contended that Virgil in his "vestras, Eure, domos" (not quoted by Mr. Gudeman) meant vestras to bear just the meaning of tuas; and in Aen. 10, 188 (to say nothing of the doubt about the read94

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ing), there is no consideration which need force us to a supposition that is *à priori* so improbable. In the two lines of Catullus (which Mr. Wilkins by no means ignores) vester is probably a colloquial usage, similar to one often heard in vulgar English, when "the likes of you" is substituted for "you." P. 127, the statement that opinio with the meaning "reputation" is only used by Cicero with adjective or objective genitive is not quite right; see, among other passages, 'Pro Sulla,' § 10. P. 136, "dramatic performances were no longer given in Vespasian's time." This should be restricted to the representation of new dramas. P. 168, the reading audentior is probably correct. The writer had in his mind Cicero's speech for the poet Archias, and the apologies which it contains for a style of oratory unwhich it contains for a style of oratory unusual in the courts. P. 174, "the comparative of audacter seems not to occur elsewhere." On the contrary, it is easy to find instances; so, too (p. 197), with the comparative of audenter. P. 218, the words "qualia sunt fere principia Corvini" are sound enough: cf. Tacitus, 'Ann.,' 6, 17, "acribus, ut ferme talia, initiis." P. 270, there is a mistaken reproof of Bachrana. there is a mistaken reproof of Baehrens, who spoke of the word intectus meaning non tectus, but is taken to have referred to the participle of intego. P. 286, the attack on the phrase "sui alienique contemptus" surely fails. The words well express the disposition of a reckless man, who, like the gods of Epicurus, has no regard for what concerns either himself or others (Cic. 'De Divinatione, 2, § 104, "qui negat quicquam deos nec alieni curare nec sui"; cf. 'De Orat,' 1, § 173, and Livy, 5, c. 55). P. 289, the passage from Cic. 'Pro Caecina,' 58, does not supply "an indubitable instance" of et ipse in the sense of καὶ αὐτός. The MSS. all give there not et ipsi (as Halm), but et ipsi servi. The true reading is etiam servi, the p of ipsi having arisen between the m of etiam and the s of servi just as in hiemps, and caused the corruption. P. 291, habere with the significance of continere, in connexion with a book or writing, is not so very unusual; see Cic. 'Ad Atticum, 5, 21, § 5, and Ovid, 'Tristia,' 2, 422. P. 309, the idea that ius civitatis must mean "rights of citizenship," and cannot be the equivalent of ius civile, is refuted by Cic.

'De Legibus,' 1, § 14, "quid est tantum quantum ius civitatis?" P. 328, in Cic. 'De Inventione,' 1, § 51, where MSS. give utrumne (unique in Cicero), the correct lection most likely is utrum tuumne, for immediately afterwards two instances of utrum...ne

The indices to the volume are most minute and complete. Mr. Gudeman's work is one which no scholar who occupies himself much with Latin literature can afford to be without. The book is handsomely printed, and its pages are exceedingly pleasant to the

Mr. Bennett's small volume is especially adapted to the requirements of the ordinary college student. For this purpose compression has been studied, and many points are of necessity passed by which are noticed by Peterson and Gudeman, yet useful hints will be found here and there which are absent from the two larger editions. Mr. Bennett's work is excellently suited to its purpose. He was able to use Mr. Gude-

man's material, although the edition reviewed above had not appeared when he wrote. Yet he exercises his own judgment upon the facts before him, dealing with them in a scholarly and judicious spirit. Only two corrections of the editor's own are introduced into the text. Sometimes the severe succinctness of the notes may of itself lead to misconception on the part of junior students; thus they might infer from a note on p. 4 that the use of igitur at the beginning of a sentence was unknown to Cicero; and from another on p. 62 that writers before the Silver Age employed the phrase "ut ita dixerim"; and again from one on p. 12 that all "procuratores" were freedmen. We have only leisure to call attention to a few of the other places in the notes where change would be desirable in a new edition. P. 5, the sense of circa, "upon," is not entirely post-Augustan; Mr. Gudeman's phrase "chiefly post-Augustan" is better. P. 11, the expression "in civitate natus" occurs in Cicero and other early authors, exactly as it is used here. It is hardly correct to lay down that in such expressions civitas bears the meaning of urbs. P. 15, why say that domi nasci is "apparently" a proverbial expression? P. 21, it is very doubtful whether statum tueri was ever connected with the gladiatorial contests. P. 22, instead of saying that there are a few instances of nemo for nullus in Cicero with nouns indicating a person, it would be better to say that nullus in such a case is rarely used by him. P. 30, quid meaning "why" in an indirect question is not so rare as the note presumes; see, for example, Cicero, 'De Natura D.,' 1, § 79. P. 37, the word "accused" should be changed to "defendant," as the formula refers to civil cases only. P. 48, "histrionales modos exprimere" could not in any circumstances mean "to copy the manners of the stage," and the context here shows that modos has the sense of "rhythms." P. 49, modestia does not refer to seemliness of speech, but implies moderation in speaking. P. 54, the interpretation of "prius referam necesse est animum" as "I must first direct your attention" is surely incorrect. The meaning is, "I must first turn my thoughts." P. 71, it is more probable that Augustus limited than that he extended the jurisdiction of the court of the Centumviri, and it is very questionable whether that court ever had exclusive jurisdiction in cases of inheritance.

#### NEW NOVELS.

The Matchmaker. By L. B. Walford. 3 vols. (Longmans & Co.)

In spite of Mrs. Walford's brisk manner and cheerful staccato style, the inherent dreariness of her story makes it somewhat fatiguing reading. 'The Matchmaker' is a tale of domestic repression and its disastrous consequences; indeed, though Mrs. Walford is probably the last person in the world who would consciously harbour such an aim, her description of the Carnoustie household is calculated to place a premium on filial revolt as compared with submission. Another drawback about the book is that the heroine, though bright and vigorous, is sadly lacking in distinction. Most readers will probably share Lady Carnoustie's ob-

jection to her niece's use of vulgar interjections. For the rest, there is a great deal of excellent, but rather uninteresting portraiture, though an exception may be made in favour of the devoted old nurse Ailsie, a really pathetic figure, who reminds one—to compare small things with great—of the wonderful picture of the nurse in Tolstoi's 'Souvenirs.' The story, as has already been said, is essentially dreary, even painful; but Mrs. Walford treats the episode of Mina's clandestine attachment to her base-born lover with skill and delicacy.

Run to Ground: a Sporting Novel. By Mrs. Robert Jocelyn. 3 vols. (Hutchinson & Co.)

'Run to Ground' is a three-volume novel composed of such unlike elements as sport and revenge. How successfully they run in harness, readers must themselves decide. Mrs. Jocelyn possesses a certain reputation as a sporting novelist, and in these volumes she appears to be up to her usual level. Her "runs" and hunting scenes generally, and the vicissitudes of cub-hunting in particular, have a pleasant freshness and open air feeling, and 'Run to Ground' bears a strong family likeness to others by the same author. The people are, in most instances, fairly interesting, and play their parts with sufficient life and spirit. There are a good many "asides" to the reader: a hint here, a bit of advice there on manners and deportment, a counsel or two as to the technicalities of sporting attire; the correct knot of a tie and the right set of a habit are not omitted. Indeed, one seems now and again to be reading a page from a book of etiquette, or fragments of a paper to be called 'Hints to Gentlewomen in the Hunting Field,' rather than a novel. And yet the conversation of the people in the book does not always seem in faultless taste. The Princess Dagmar Saravoski, taste. masquerading as plain Lady Robinson from motives of revenge, does not appear to be quite to the manner born. In fact, whether she wear her dresses high or low-and Mrs. Jocelyn is very mysterious and insistent on this point—the lady strikes us as eminently middle class, and better fitted by nature to play the part of a Lady Robinson than a Princess Saravoski. The revival of the motive of the baccarat business is tiresome enough. In other respects the book runs easily, is easily read, and, if one pleases, as easily forgotten.

Name this Child: a Story of Two. By Wilfrid Hugh Chesson. 2 vols. (Fisher Unwin.)

Mr. Chesson is not an experienced novelist; there is internal evidence to prove the contrary. But as the work of a young man, writing his first romance, 'Name this Child' is in some ways a remarkable and original production. It is based frankly on the multiform impressions of boyhood and early manhood, successfully aiming to reproduce the intuitions and illusions of a self-conscious mind. Such a beginning in the art of authorship must be regarded as distinctly strong; yet it is necessary to discriminate between true art, such as creates a boy-type out of the vivid impressions of boyhood, and the less valu-

able imitative art, which from external observation draws fathers and mothers in advance. The one process means originality; the other, if it does not exclude originality, too often ends in the manufacture of copies. Before a die can stamp a perfect seal it must be soft and plastic, and must itself receive the impressions which it is to give off when it has cooled and hardened. It may be reasonably expected that the author of these two volumes will produce still more vigorous and ambitious work.

How He became a Peer. By James Thirsk. 2 vols. (Ward & Downey.)

It is impossible to congratulate Mr. Thirsk on the substance, the wit, or the good taste of his story. It may not be precisely libellous, but it says many offensive things about public men whose names are very slightly disguised, and about the Prince of Wales with no disguise whatever. If there had been any point in the attempted humour, this book might have supplied another illustration of the success which sometimes shoots up like a mushroom from a bed of heated soil. But, fortunately, 'How He became a Peer' is too foolish to be attractive.

A Maid of the West. By Mrs. Grange. 2 vols. (Hurst & Blackett.)

A PRETTY story of a mild and romantic character still commands its own tolerably numerous public, whose taste for "modernities" has failed to keep pace with the fiction of the day. This one opens in the manner consecrated by time and use to "nature" and a "fair scene." The squire and his family follow after with their ancestral home; the daughter, Constance Courtenay, a sweet and amiable girl; her intriguing companion, Emily Milroy, the almost extinct species of soubrette, while the gallant Lieut. Hauton supplies the common object of their young affections. There is, moreover, the innkeeper's loutish son, who plays a very important part in their subsequent fortunes. The story is laid at the beginning of the century, and is quite in keeping with the manner of its narration. The sea-fight is a daring, but fairly spirited performance, and the complications which separate the young lovers are of the kind to indicate the refined nature of their sensitive hearts. The story ends happily, an impossibly correct and frigid marquis being the only final sacrifice to adverse fate.

This Man's Dominion. By Deas Cromarty. 2 vols. (Heinemann.)

'This Man's Dominion' is an odd, almost clever, yet rather dreadful work. No one in it seems to know a moment's mental or physical ease, much less a comfortable quarter of an hour. The universe and its progress weigh on them too heavily. The atmosphere is all along electrical, surcharged with an obscure perturbation and sense of disturbance and unrest of the unhealthy sort. To us, at least, it seems obscure and to leave a most vague impression of what it is all about. That the "Establishment" is not viewed with favour by the author is pretty evident, but to record any other definite thing, except that it is badly put together, is next to impossible. The

spiritual and social problems besetting the age are reflected in the book, but in so exaggerated a shape and with such stress and trouble that it all conveys less than it ought. With the exception of a wild-locked, hare-brained Independent minister, all the people appear to be afflicted with a sort of paralysis of the will, so morbidly afraid are they of life, death, hell, "sin," and other bugbears. Why they should be so fearfully and wonderfully overstrung we do not know. If they had ever sat down to a really good meal, perhaps they would have taken things more easily, but they do not seem to have given this remedy for mala vita sufficient chance. The minister is less depressing, but more fatiguing, his eye always in fine frenzy rolling, and his views-of which he has many—frequently couched in somewhat incomprehensible form. Evolution generally, and Mr. Kidd's notion of it in particular, appear to have something to do with the agitated condition of Mr. Harley Sandon and his much-tried flock.

#### FAIRY TALES.

Last year about this time seventeen of H. C. Andersen's delightful stories—fairy tales they are called, though they by no means invariably concern themselves with fairies or their dealings—were given to the world by Mr. Arnold, accompanied by illustrations by Miss E. A. Lemann. This year Mr. Arnold publishes fourteen with illustrations by the same lady, The Snow Queen, and other Tales. Nothing is said about the translator, but as the stories of last year were from Madame de Chatelain's rendering of them, we conclude that those of this year are from the same source. The illustrations are fairly good.

In Bright Fairy Tales (Routledge & Sons) some of the stories are undoubtedly bright, but their brilliance has illumined almost every collection of French and English fairy tales that has been published since the end of the seventeenth century. Most of them first appeared in print in 'Contes de ma Mère l'Oye.' Little change in them is made in this book. The Sleeping Beauty sleeps as she has a least the sons as the least least the series of the series as the least l

Sleeping Beauty sleeps as she has always slept, and Sister Anne mounts the tower in 'Blue Beard' as she has always mounted it. Perrault's 'Fées' ('Toads and Diamonds') is here called 'The Two Sisters,' and as a disguise the scene is transferred to Japan, and to give local colour the wicked sister is called Squint-hi and the good one Beaut-hi, and for purposes of moral culture Squint-hi is reformed by Beaut-hi. If parents would buy fairy tales in the best form in which those tales have appeared, they would give their children much literary pleasure, a great deal of unconsciously acquired education, and save the world from a vast number of value-

less collections hastily got up to sell.

Mr. A. Heywood's collection of Norwegian Fairy Tales, translated from P. C. Asbjörnsen and J. Moe (Routledge), forms only a small part of that which was gathered together by Asbjörnsen and Moe; but nearly all the stories which Mr. Heywood has selected are good, and, comparatively speaking, unfamiliar to English readers. His translation, too, is pleasant to read, and on the whole fairly accurate. Now and then little errors have crept in or slight changes been made, which seem to have escaped the notice of the "two native Norwegians" with whom Mr. Heywood says he has been fortunate enough to be associated. We wonder, for instance, why the blue bull in 'Kari Troestak' was not allowed to remain blue. We know that, as a rule, bulls have a much stronger tendency to be grey than blue; but so far as the duty of a translator is concerned. blaa is blue.

and graa is grey, and the bull which was the guardian of Kari was blue. Blank, too, is bright, not clean; and mjöd—though we own that, so far as outward appearance goes, there seems to be every reason for translating it as meat—is, nevertheless, mead. Ought not the "two native Norwegians" to have seen to these and other little things? They are trifles, but trifles make the sum of many books, and such good stories as these are deserving of all care. Mr. Heywood remarks that the usual number of sons in a household in fairyland is three, and that the best in character and most successful in any trial of strength or courage is invariably the third, even though he may hitherto have been the despised Askelad. We venture, however, to think that Askelad's invariable success only means that surprises and strong contrasts are natural in fairyland, and that the task set would have seemed much too light, and the story would have come to an end much too quickly, if two signal failures had not taken place before success was achieved. Mr. Heywood has translated one story into the Lancashire dialect—it would be still more interesting if some one would translate one into that of the east coast of Yorkshire.

Fairbrass. By T. Edgar Pemberton. (Birmingham, Cornish Brothers.)—There is always something rather unsatisfactory about books in which birds, beasts, insects, trees, flowers, &c., hold converse freely with favoured children. In this book even a statue of a kneeling knight in church talks. He begins by winking his stony eye at the child, and then says many things which few children would care to hear, and which certainly will not interest grown up people.—There are frequent glimpses of storytelling power in Fairy Tales, by Mr. Basil Field (Horace Cox), especially in 'Uncle Barney,' which is much the best of them, because the simplest. They all contain picturesque incidents. The illustrations show a certain feeling for grotesqueness.

#### BOOKS ON THE VEDA.

MR. RALPH GRIFFITH may be sincerely congratulated on the completion of another great task. After having given to English readers in metrical form the whole of the immense Indian epic, the 'Rāmāyana,' he has now chosen to devote several years of his well-earned retirement to translating, amid the congenial surroundings of India itself, the most ancient literary monument of our Aryan race, the 'Rigveda,'—The Hymns of the Rigveda, translated with a popular commentary (Benares, Lazarus). And for this he has equipped himself by a study of all the chief critics and translators. The result is no mere reproduction of Indian tradition, like Wilson's version, but a translation well calculated to reproduce in the mind of the careful reader a very fairly adequate notion of both the form and substance of the hymns. We have tested some portions of the work from the educational standpoint, and find that, so regarded, the work has one important merit, namely, that in the obscure passages (and a fraction not inconsiderable of the Vedic hymn-text will probably always remain obscure) the reader may, with the original before him, tell at least how the translator construes the passage in question. The student and the general reader alike will be greatly helped by the "popular commentary," i.e., a series of very useful footnotes explaining many allusions and other crucial points. A really poetical English translation of the hymns has still to be written; but Mr. Griffith avoids alike the production of a mere school version and the stilted commentator-jargon of Wilson. As a specimen of the style of the work, we may select the following short hymn to the great god Indra (iii. 50):—

1. Let Indradrink, All-hail; for his is Soma,—the mighty

1. Let Indra drink, All-hail! for his is Soma,—the mighty Bull come, girt by Maruts, hither. Far-reaching, let him fill him with these viands, and let our offering sate his body's longing. R

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2. I yoke thy pair of trusty steeds for swiftness, whose faithful service from of old thou lovest.

Here, fair of cheek! let thy bay coursers place thee: drink of this lovely well-effused libation.

3. With milk they made Indra their good preserver, lauding for help and rule the bounteous rainer.

Impetuous god, when thou hast drunk the Soma, enraptured send us cattle in abundance.

4. With kine and horses satisfy this longing; with very splendlid bounty still extend it.

Seeking the light, with hymns thee, O Indra, the Kusikas have brought their gift, the singers.

(A liturgical refrain follows.)

This has scarcely the sonorous ring of some of the select hymns as translated by Prof. Max Müller or by Dr. Peterson; but it is hardly necessary to note its immense literary superiority to the only other complete English translation of the hymns as yet available.

We have received also two instalments of works for the study of the 'Rigveda.' The first, Rigveda Handbook (Parts I. and II.), by Dr. P. Peterson, of Bombay (Bombay, Education Society's Press), is a continuation of the author's useful work in making the hymns and their great commen-tary accessible to learners. The translation of Sayana's elaborate preface (the first that has been made into any European lan-guage) will be of great use to students. The text and commentary of book vii., which form Part II., are not mere transcripts from the printed edition, but contain many emendations and various readings from MSS. hitherto uncollated. Part III. will contain notes and a

The second work, Le Rig-véda et les Origines de la Mythologie indo-européenne, by Prof. P. Regnaud, of Lyons (Tome I., Première Partie), forming a portion of the "Annales du Musée Guimet" (Paris, Leroux), is a far more ambitious work, and aspires to pull down and rebuild much that has been regarded as solidly fixed in the fabric of Vedic interpretation. M. Regnaud would interpret the hymns on a strictly liturgical basis. The earlier portion of the present volume consists of a review of previous criticism of the Rigveda,' in which the author shows wherein his method differs from that of his predecessors. Special indebtedness is allowed to the results of the late Abel Bergaigne. The next and most important chapter of the book, of some 150 pages, might indeed be described by the title of Bergaigne's great work, 'Etudes sur le Lexique du Rig-véda.' Some notion of the character of these studies and the radical changes of meaning which they propose may be gathered from the explanation of the word rita. This has been considered by the leading interpreters hitherto as conveying the Vedic bards' notion of cosmic order. M. Regnaud, after a survey of some of the chief passages where the word occurs, and a list of its compounds, would replace the moral sense usually attributed by the sacrificial rendering of "libation." by the sacrificial rendering of "Ibation." Nor does even the mystic some-juice escape the zeal of the reformer. We are now to find in it merely the oil or spirit to feed the flames of the sacred fire. There can be no doubt that the literary interest of the Veda will greatly suffer if these theories are generally adopted. The whole of the hymns will tend to sink to a tone of the same ritualistic monotony that prevails in book ix. (dealing exclusively with the soma) or in most of the Brāhmana and Sūtra literature. Further specimens of the new criticism are given in the remaining chapters, which, however, have a fresh interest as they are devoted (1) to a defence of the text against recently proposed emendations, (2) to a discussion of several important myths. The latter topic will be resumed in the second volume.

To the department of Vedic literature, in the wider sense of the term, belongs also a recent volume (vol. xxx.) of the "Sacred Books of the East" (Oxford, Clarendon Press), forming the second and concluding portion of the Grihya-Sătras, or 'Ritual of Domestic Ceremonies.' A recent essayist has called these treatises "a

Folk-lore Journal of Ancient India," and, outside the ranks of Orientalists, it is to students of folk-lore and anthropology that they will be of the greatest use. To such students an exceedingly valuable part of the book will be the well-arranged "Synoptical Survey" (pp. 299-307), from which the whole domestic réqime, with references to the texts, can be traced at a glance. The main work has been translated by that accomplished Vedic scholar Prof. H. Oldenberg, of Berlin, and to it has been added a version of some ancient illustrative rules on cognate topics from the pen of the general editor, Prof. Max Müller.

#### OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

WE fear that More Memories, by Dean Hole (Arnold), shares the fate of most sequels. From the sub-title, "Being Thoughts about England spoken in America," the conclusion is that these pages contain the substance of lectures delivered in the United States. American audiences must have felt flattered by the Dean's adroit allusions to American literature and American divines. But his English readers will have ground for complaint that his reflections on the state of the Church before the Oxford Movement, on roses, and on things in general are already familiar. Nor are the stories quite in the Dean's liveliest The best relates how a collier requested an athletic vicar to train him for a fight, promising, in the event of success, to "gie a pound for the new church winder." That about pound for the new church winder." the lady on the Underground Railway, who went round three times because whenever she tried to get out the porters pushed her in again, has scarcely the merit of novelty. And do Broad Church clergymen generally appear in "a straw hat and short jacket" together with the occasional addition of a huge moustache? We think not.

Poets on Poets, edited by Mrs. Richard Strachey, the latest addition to the "Parchment Library" of Messrs. Kegan Paul & Co., is a volume very similar to 'The Poets' Praise' of Mrs. Davenport Adams, which we noticed a few months ago. It is, it is true, arranged on a different plan, the passages being classified under the names of the poet writing, not of the poet mentioned, which was Mrs. Adams's practice; but, of course, the passages quoted are pretty nearly the same. Mrs. Adams had the advantage of including among the poets praised those of other countries than these islands, and thus she was able to quote Tennyson's magnificent eulogy on Virgil; and further, by quoting from living poets, which Mrs. Strachey does not, she could cite such lines as Mr. Swinburne's felicitous tribute

Scarce two hundred years are gone, and the world is past As a noise of brawling wind, as a flash of breaking foam, That beheld the singer born who raised up the dead of Rome. On the other hand, Mrs. Strachey does not seem to have bowdlerized her quotations, as Mrs. Adams did in at least one instance. Both volumes contain much that is delightful to every reader of poetry, and Mrs. Strachey has printed some fine things that escaped the rival collector— for instance, Crashaw's lines to Cowley; and she affects entire pieces, or, at any rate, long quotais an unlucky misprint in the eighth line of Tickell's monody on Addison.

Oxford Honours, 1220-1894 (Clarendon Press), is a useful little volume of reference.

The British Almanac and Companion contains as usual a great variety of information. There are also excellent articles by Mr. Cole, Mr. Monkhouse, and Mr. Joseph Knight. The publishers are the Stationers' Company, who also send us Moore's Almanac.

An Englishman who wants to discover the very best that can be said for England by a Frenchman has only to read Les Professions et la Société en Angleterre, par Max Leclerc (Paris, Colin & Co.). M. Leclerc, who had previously

written 'L'Éducation des Classes moyennes et dirigeantes en Angleterre,' reviewed in this journal a few weeks ago, is one of the best pupils of M. Boutmy, and in the present volume has gone further afield, and deals with our traders, manufacturers, engineers, agriculturists, lawyers, medical men, men of science, men of letters, journalists, clergy, civil servants, officers of army and navy, and statesmen. Less elaborate, and perhaps less careful, than De Franqueville, M. Leclerc shows, at all events, equal open-mindedness. He is under the impression that the High Church party has lost all hold upon the poor, and is evidently wholly unacquainted with much that has happened in the east and south of London and elsewhere in connexion with modern Church development. There are a good many of the usual French misprints in M. Leclere's volume, one of which makes only "8" members of the House of Commons vote against Mr. Paul's motion on the Indian Civil Service examinations.

MR. H. CRAIK has brought out a second edition of his Life of Jonathan Swift, a work of sterling merit. For the single octavo of the first issue, two neat volumes (globe 8vo.) have been substituted. Another portrait has been added. Mr. Craik has not made any important change in the work: we do not agree with all his opinions, especially as regards Swift's marriage; but he has formed his conclusions after careful investigation, and he is entitled to maintain them. Messrs. Macmillan publish this edition.

Two new editions of much importance, each of which deserves a review such as we have no space for, are on our table: the one is an edition of Dr. Robertson Smith's noteworthy Lectures on the Religion of the Semites, revised by the lamented author (A. & C. Black); the other is a fifth edition of Sir J. Fitzjames Stephen's masterly Digest of the Criminal Law, improved and brought up to date by the author's sons, Sir Herbert Stephen and Mr. H. L. Stephen (Macmillan & Co.). - Another volume of which we can do no more than acknowledge the receipt is the English translation of Count Goblet d'Alviella's Migration of Symbols (Constable & Co.), of which we reviewed the original. An interesting introduction by Sir G. Birdwood adorns the English edition.

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#### DR JOHN CHAPMAN

A FEW words about the earlier life of Dr. John Chapman, who died last week, may not be uninteresting, at least to the elder readers of the Athenaum. When I first heard of him, he was a publisher and bookseller at 121, Newgate Street. The firm afterwards became Chapman Brothers, and then, again, John Chapman, at 142, Strand. He was distinguished from the outset by the publication of books which in those days few publishers would touch. Such, for example, were the "Catholic" series and Strauss's 'Life of Jesus.' After his removal to the Strand, he became the editor and proprietor of the Westminster Review, but it is no secret that it was largely supported by contributions from his free-thought friends.

It was Mr. Chapman who was mainly instrumental in securing what is called free trade in books. On the 4th of May, 1852, a meeting was held at his house to prepare a statement of the case of the free traders and to consider how it should be presented to Lord Campbell, Mr. Grote, and Dr. Milman, by whose decision the Booksellers' Association had agreed to be bound. The meeting was attended by Dickens, Cruikshank, Wilkie Collins, Owen, Charles Knight, Lewes, and other authors and publishers of note. Carlyle did not attend, but sent a most characteristic letter protesting against the existing system, and using the occasion as a text for a discourse on far wider matters than those immediately before the meeting. Mill, Cobden, and Mr. Gladstone also wrote in full approval and Mr. Gladstone also wrote in this approach of the movement. A series of resolutions was passed, and sent to Lord Campbell by Dickens, who had acted as chairman. The Association in the earlier stages of the controversy might, perhaps, have succeeded in crushing Mr. Chapman, for it refused to supply him with the books be wanted for his import trade with America; but it was not unanimous, and he was able to obtain through one or two friendly members what he wanted.

Amongst Mr. Chapman's authors were Mr. Amongst Mr. Chapman's authors were Mr. Herbert Spencer, George Eliot, Harriet Martineau, Dr. Martineau, Mr. J. A. Froude, Mr. Francis W. Newman, Emerson, and that strangely gifted and wayward man of genius, William Maccall. 'The Nemesis of Faith,' of which the first edition, by the way, is not in the British Museum catalogue, was issued from 142, Strand.

George Eliot in those days lived in Mr. Chapman's house, assisted him in the editorship of the Westminster Review, and wrote for it. She occupied two dark, but very quiet rooms at the end of a long passage which runs back from the front and at right angles to the street; but she had her meals with the family. She was then not quite what she appeared to be in later years. She never reserved herself, but always said what was best in her at the moment, even when no special demand was made upon her. Consequently, she found out what was best in everybody. I have not heard better talk than hers, even when there was nobody to listen but myself and the ordinary members of the Chapman household. As I ventured to point out in the Athenœum some years ago, those persons who know nothing of her life, excepting what has appeared in print about it, or from casual acquaintance with her when she was much older, will most likely mistake her, and will not give her credit for the tenderness and defiance which were really so characteristic of her. On Wednesday evenings Mr. and Mrs. Chapman entertained their friends and any Americans of note who happened to be in London. Emerson was there once or twice, and Mr. G. H. Lewes constantly.

Mr. Chapman always had a leaning towards physiology, and when he discontinued publish-ing, he qualified himself as a doctor. He invented an ice-bag, in which he had great faith as a cure for sea-sickness, but it is not much

used. His researches on sea-sickness were pub-

ished separately.

As a publisher and editor, he was always a propagandist. He would have considered it propaganuse. He would have considered it wrong to be responsible for printing anything which he totally disbelieved, differing rather widely in that respect from the modern custom by which a magazine affirms one month what it denies the next. He was impartial, but his impartiality did not go so far as self-stultification. His catalogues and the articles in the Westminster form a fairly consistent whole.

Dr. Chapman ought to have left behind him a mass of interesting correspondence which has not yet seen the light, and it is a curious thing that to the biographies of George Eliot he has W. H. W.

contributed nothing.

#### UNPUBLISHED LETTERS OF WORDSWORTH AND COLERIDGE.

NEXT Tuesday and Wednesday Messrs.
Sotheby's rooms will attract collectors of autographs. The lots are not numerous, but the proportion of important documents is unusually large. Of historical papers relating both to the Commonwealth period and to that of the war with Napoleon there is large store, while the miscellaneous letters include important specimens of Gibbon, Burns, Carlyle, Scott, Mr. Ruskin, and last, not least, Mr. George Meredith, who writes very interestingly of his first volume of poems, a month or two after its

publication.

But the chief interest of the catalogue centres in a collection of letters addressed during his long life to Archdeacon Wrangham, which inludes five from Coleridge and no fewer than twenty from Wordsworth. Wrangham was their common friend before they made each other's acquaintance, and his friendship with both lasted as long as he lived. Two of Cole-ridge's letters were written shortly before he quitted Cambridge for ever, in the winter of 1794. In one of them Coleridge sends his translation of the Latin verses addressed by Wrangham to Mrs. Merry, together with his own verses to her sister, Miss Eliza Brunton, both of which performances have been collected in Coleridge's poetical works. "I finished," he writes, "the translation or rather Imitation of your exquisite Bruntoniad. I am afraid the thoughts in my language will appear like the armour of Saul on David,"—signing himself "Yours fraternally in the family of Soul, S. T. Coleridge." Sundry printers' marks on the letter show that Wrangham sent it direct to the ress at which his own little volume of 1795 was being set up. It is also observable that he comped set up. It is also observable that he cropped severely Coleridge's characteristic redundancy of capital initials. In the other early letter Coleridge dissuades Wrangham from a project of translating the 'Quadragesimalia.' Their merit, he points out, lies mainly in their Latinity,—'in English poetry we want more body of mind." The thoughts of the 'Carmina' are borrowed-"to give Imitations of Imitations and retranslate, -would it answer?" He says nothing of his own experiment of the previous year on the lines beginning "Effinxit quondam blandum meditata laborem," known as 'Kisses' ("Cupid, if storying legends tell aright," &c.). In one of the later letters, dated "5 June, 1817," Coleridge complains bitterly of Hazlitt's

attacks in the Edinburgh Review and the Examiner. The letter is much in the vein of the counterblast in the "Appendix" to 'The Statesman's Manual, but it brings forward a matter not there touched on—Hazlitt's escapade at Keswick in 1803. "After efforts of friendship on my part," exclaims Coleridge, somewhat

"which a brother could not have demanded which a brother could not have definance—in house, purse, influence—and all this though his manners were dreadfully repulsive to me, because I was persuaded that he was a young man of great talent and utterly friendless, his very father and mother having despaired of him—after having baffled all these efforts, at the very moment when he had been put in the way of an honourable maintenance [portrait-painting], by the most unmanly vices that almost threatened to communicate a portion of their own infamy to my family and Southey's and Wordsworth's, in all of which he had been familiarized, and in mine and Southey's, domesticated. After having been snatched from an infamous punishment by Southey and myself (there were not less than 200 men on horse[back] in search of him), after having given him all the money I had in the world, and the very shoes off my feet to enable him to escape over the mountains—and since that time never, either of us ever injured him in the least degree—unless the quiet withdrawing from any further connection with him (and this without any ostentation or any mark of shyness when we accidentally met him), not merely or chiefly on account of his Keswick conduct, but from the continued depravity of his life—but why need I say more?" He does say a good deal more, but there is baffled all these efforts, at the very moment when He does say a good deal more, but there is no room for it here. There is another letter, dated January, 1818, containing, however, nothing quite fresh.

The Wordsworth letters are very remarkable.

Some slight use was made of those of the earlier dates by the poet's nephew in the 'Memoirs,' but practically the more important documents are all new. It is known that Wordsworth had agreed to co-operate with Wrangham in a translation or imitation of Juvenal, and that in 1795, soon after his settlement at Racedown, he had made some progress with his share. In 1806, when Wrangham thought of going to press, he asked his collaborator's permission to include the Racedown portion, but Wordsworth refused it, both on general and particular grounds. He did not think he had a genius for satirical poetry, and had not even kept copies of the verses he had sent to his friend in 1795. good many of these verses are included in the letters now offered for sale, and as none of them has ever been printed, a specimen may be given here. Where all is flat, it is difficult to choose. The following refers, of course, to the Prince Regent, and would probably have proved quite unpublishable, even had Wrangham's scheme been carried out in 1806 :-

ome been carried out in 1806:

The nation's hope shall show the present time
As rich in folly as the past in crime.
Do arts like these a royal mind evince?
Wedged in with blacklegs at a boxers' show,
To shout with transport at a knock-down blow—
Mid knots of grooms, the council of his state,
To scheme and counter-scheme for purse and plate.
Thy ancient honours when shalt thou resume?
Oh shame is this, thy service boastful plume—
Go, modern Prince! at Henry's tomb proclaim
Thy rival triumphs, thy Newmarket fame.
There hang thy trophies—bid the jockey's vest,
The whip, the cap, and spurs thy fame attest.

The boxer's armour, the dishonoured glove In a later letter (Racedown, November 20th, Wordsworth sends a fresh batch of his imitations, in which occurs this couplet :-

Heavens! who sees majesty in George's face? Or looks at Norfolk, and can dream of grace? Of this he writes to Wrangham :-

"The two best verses of this extract were given me by Southey, a friend of Coleridge's: 'Who sees majesty,' &c. He supplied me with another line which I think worth adopting.—We mention Lord Courtenay: Southey's verse is 'Whence have I fallen, alas! what have I done?' a literal translation of the Courtenay motto, 'Unde lapsus, quid feei.'"

The only objection to this adaptation is the fact that the Courtenay motto is *Ubi*, &c., and not "Unde."

The reference to Coleridge is interesting as showing that the two poets had become acquainted before November, 1795. It has been surmised that they had met as early as September, 1795, but hitherto there has been no positive evidence of a meeting before the autumn of the following year.

In the same letter Wordsworth asks if Wrangham could find him an outlet for 'Guilt and

Sorrow':-

"I have a poem which I should wish to dispose of, provided I could get anything for it......Its object is partly to expose the vices of the penal law, and the calamities of war as they affect individuals."

In the other letter, which was written about the same time, he says :-

"As to your promoting my interest in the way of pupils, upon a review of my own attainments, I think there is so little that I am able to teach, that this scheme may be suffered to fly quietly away to the paradise of fools."

Yet he and his sister are very poor—compulsory vegetarians :-

"The copy of the poem [Juvenal's Satires in the original] you will contrive to frank, else ten to one I shall not be able to release it from the post-office. I have lately been living upon air and the essence of carrots, cabbages, turnips, and other esculent vegetables, not excluding parsley,—the produce of my garden."

In the same letter Wordsworth announces briefly that he has been "employed lately in writing a tragedy, the first draught of which is nearly finished "—'The Borderers,' no doubt, which Coleridge admired in MS. in June, 1797, but which was not published until 1842.

In a letter, undated, but which must have been written in January, 1801, there is a curiously shy passage about Mary Hutchinson, who was to become Wordsworth's wife about a year later. Wordsworth is apologizing for having made no second attempt to find Wrangham at his vicarage of Hunmanby, during a three weeks' visit to the Hutchinsons at Gallow Hill :-

"Mr. Hutchinson's house is kept by his sister, a woman who is a very particular friend both of my sister and myself. If ever you go that way it would be a great kindness done to me if you would call on them, and also at any future period render them any service in your power. I mean as to lending Miss Hutchinson books, or when you become acquainted with them, performing them any little service auprès de Monsieur ou Madame Langley with respect to their favour. Miss Hutchinson I can recommend to you as a most amiable and good can recommend to you as a most amiable and good creature, with whom you would converse with great pleasure.

The interest of these Wordsworth letters is by no means exhausted, but we have no more space.

#### NOTES FROM OXFORD.

The statute creating an Honour School of English Language and Literature has now been safely lodged in the statute-book, and a Board has been formed, which is on the whole likely to be an efficient one, for the purpose of drawing up a scheme of examination on the lines laid down by the statute. The scheme will, it is hoped, be very shortly published, and the first examination will be held in the summer of

Another proposal of even greater importance is still under discussion. The idea of establish-ing what are summarily described as Research Degrees took practical shape almost at the same time here and in Cambridge, and in each university a scheme was drafted by a Committee of Council. In the course of last term the Oxford proposals were laid before the University in a series of resolutions. The resolutions were carried, and a statute giving effect to them was a few days ago brought before Congregation. The preamble of the statute, which merely affirms the expediency of estab-lishing Research Degrees, was carried by a very large majority in a full house. It is evident, however, from the numerous amendments of which notice has been given, that as to the details of the scheme there is considerable difference of opinion.

The degrees which the statute proposes to create are new degrees, and are given as such new names of their own—Bachelor of Letters and Bachelor of Science. These new bacca-laureates are, moreover, to rank with those already existing in civil law and medicine, and above the ordinary B.A. Against this part of the scheme a vigorous attack is threatened by those who object to the creation of any new degree. But to their proposal that the course of special study or research shall qualify for the ordinary B.A. degree there are many objec-

tions, the most serious of which may be briefly stated here. To reward special study or re-search with the B.A. degree would be to treat it simply as an alternative to the existing courses of undergraduate study, and not as a distinct advance upon them, thus lowering the standard of attainment required. A second provision in the statute to which opposition is threatened is that which allows Bachelors of Letters and Science to proceed in due course to the M.A. degree. It is urged, with some force, that inasmuch as the new Bachelors need not necessarily know Greek, to grant them an Arts Degree would be to settle the Greek question by a sidewind. It is quite possible that this provision may disappear, in which case a higher degree, in the form of a Doctorate, would probably be established before long as a substitute.

No little difficulty was experienced by the framers of the statute in devising an efficient machinery for regulating the admission of candidates for the new degrees, the supervision of their studies, and the granting of certificates entitling them to supplicate for the degrees. The Delegacy created by the statute for these purposes was severely criticized in the debate. On the whole, there would seem to be a feeling in favour of leaving the matter to the existing Boards of Faculties, and under them to the professors. It will be possible, however, to write with more confidence on this and other points when the amendments appear in print.

Meanwhile, a change of a different kind has been quietly carried out. The entire contents of the old Ashmolean Museum have now been transferred to the upper rooms of the large annexe recently added to the University Galleries. One of the rooms (that containing Dr. Fortnum's collection) has been already arranged. By the beginning of next term we may hope that all three will be open to the public. On the ground floor the collection of casts from the antique has spread itself over all the new parts of the building; while in the old sculpture gallery the Arundel and Pomfret marbles are for the first time properly exhibited.

#### A DANTE SOCIETY FOR LONDON.

Highgate, N. About two years ago an attempt was made to form a Dante Society for London, which attempt, as I have been informed by a news paper cutting, is being resumed. Should such a society be established, it ought surely to be located at University College, in connexion with the Barlow Lectures and the fine Dante library and collections bequeathed to the College by Dr. Barlow. If the Council of the College could be induced to favour such a suggestion, the ardent wish of Dr. Barlow to encourage the study of Dante in this country might be realized. The last time I saw the Dante library it was in a practically inaccessible position, so that it could not conveniently be consulted by the student, even if he were allowed access to it. If a suitable room could be devoted to this library and collections, it might form a place of meeting for the members of the Dante Society, where the Barlow Lectures might be delivered, papers read and discussed, and an abundant store of books and objects of interest be ready at hand for reference or illustration. This might also include the admission of students to the library under proper regulations.

I see by the College programme that the next course of Barlow Lectures will be delivered in January and February next, on Tuesdays and Fridays at 8.30 P.M., and they will be in the Italian language, as they have been for many years past. There are, I imagine, comparatively few English men and women who by their knowledge of the language are capable of deriv-ing benefit from these lectures. Dr. Barlow's intention evidently was to cultivate the knowledge of the 'Divine Comedy' among English-

speaking people, and I am informed that it has een a matter of complaint among students that an English lecturer is not more frequently preferred. It is true that the endowment is small, but I have reason to know that there are English Dante scholars who would gladly get up and deliver these lectures irrespective of the smallness of the fee.

C. Tomlinson, F.R.S.

#### 'THE PORE CAITIF.'

Glasgow University. AT a recent visit to the Hunterian Museum, the Rev. J. H. Wilson suggested that I should publish a brief description of MS. V. 7, 23, wrongly named in Haenel 'The Psalter of St. Jerome,' Q. 8, 25. Having since found another MS. of similar contents, a note regarding the two may be of interest.

V. 7, 23: vellum, 7 in. by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in.; text,  $4\frac{3}{4}$  in. by  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in.; ff. 189; ff. 2 blank. Contents:—

The Psalter of St Jerome (f. 1). [Selections in

A. The resider of S Jerome (f. 1). [Selections in English.]

B. The Mirrour of Sinners (f. 9b).

C. The prolog on the pore caitif (f. 18). 1. [The Bileue] (f. 18b). 2. A prolog up on the ten comaundements (f. 35). 3. The prolog on the Pater noster (f. 86). 4. Of the councel of crist (f. 105). 5. Of vertuous patience (f. 108 b). 6. Of temptacion (f. 111 b). 7. The chartir of heuene (f. 113). 8. The rule of manys bodi (f, 120 b). 9. Of the name of ihesu (f. 130). 10. Of the loue of Jhesu. O only Lord be to me teeris as looues bi day and bi nigt (f. 139). 11. Of very mekenes (f. 138b). 12. Of manys wille (f. 141 b). 13. [Of actif lijf] (f. 143 b). 14. Of the mirrour of chastite (f. 146 b).

D. Here endith the pore caitif: and here sueth after a ful profitable sentence which is to knine to dye (f. 164).

E. The meditacion of seint Anselm (f. 178b-189 b).

The writing is very fine; initials in blue and red; the rubrics in red. The bracketed rubrics above are supplied from the B.M. Catalogue of Harleian MSS., No. 2335, in which the tract 10 seems not to be included.

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V. 8, 23: vellum,  $6\frac{1}{2}$  in. by  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in.; text,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  in. by  $2\frac{3}{4}$  in.; 2 ff. blank; pp. 390; 7 ff. blank. On a paper blank of the modern binding is written "R' Honble Edward Earl of Oxford & Mortimer 1748," and above "0" 19" 6 1746." On a vellum blank are "Henry Cobham 1573," "L L 1635." Other autographs on the blanks are "Samuel Wadham de Stratford in Com. Wilts," "Thomas Wilton," "George Aishbourne," and something partly effaced. The contents are:— The contents are :-

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A. Here bigynneth a tretis that sufficeth to ech cristen man & woman to live after. This tretis compiled of a pore catiff & needi of gostli help &c.

1. [no rubric] (p. 2), 2. A prolog up on the ten comaundements (p. 33), 3. A prolog on the Pater noster (p. 127), 4. ...euen now diuers swete sentensis excityng men and wommen to heuenli desire (p. 163). 5. Of vertues pacience (p. 169), 6. Of temptacioun (p. 174), 7. The chartre of heuene (p. 176), 8. Of gouvernance of mans body (p. 189), 9. Of the name of Jhu (207), 10. Of the loue of Jhu (p. 213), 11. Of verrey mekenes (p. 222), 12. Of the effect of mannes wille (p. 237), 13. Of actif lijf & contemplatif lyf (p. 231), 14. Of the mirror of chastite (p. 236), B. A tretis that is clepid the mirrour of synneris lyf (p. 231). 14. Of the mirror of chastile (p. 200). B. A tretis that is clepid the mirrour of synneris

B. A treus that is clepta the mirrour of synderis (p. 268).
C. Here bigynnyth that spekith of thre arowis that schulen be schett at domys day to hem that there schulen be dampnyd (p. 283).

D. Here bigynneth Austynes Meditacions (p. 297).

E. An argument agens vain [hope] (p. 315).

[This tract ends on p. 335, and the bottom of this page and the upper part of the next are blank.]

F. Here foleweth the V bodili wittus (p. 337).

G. The ten Comandements (p. 342). [But only pine are given.]

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H. The seven workes of mercy bodily (p. 349).
The vij, workes of mercj gostly (p. 350). V.
thyngis we scholde knowe to loue jhu crist by
(p. 352). What is the kynde of man in bodi and in
soule (p. 354).

I. Bona Oratio (p. 357) [in prose]. Alia bona
oratio (p. 368). [A poem of 120 lines in four-line
stanzas.]

stanzas.] K. An argument agens vainhope (p. 371).

A table of contents in seventeenth century handwriting gives '8. The hors or armoure of heauene." The tracts F and H answer to

9-12 of Harleian MS. 2343, and similar titles occur in 2406. The "Alia Oratio" I. is 'The occur in 2406. The "Alia Oratio" I. is 'The Sweetness of Jesus, E.E.Texts 24, from the Lambeth MS. 853. JOHN YOUNG, M.D.

#### CARDINAL GONZALEZ.

WITH Cardinal Zeferino González y Díaz-Tuñón, a considerable figure passes out of sight. Born at Villoria, near Oviedo, on January 28th, 1831, at the age of thirteen he entered the Dominican Missionary College at Ocaña, joined the Order of Preachers, and was sent out to the Philippine Islands. At Manila he filled the chairs of Philosophy and Theology, and there—in 1864—he published his 'Estudios sobre la Filosofía de Santo Tomás.' On his return to Spain in 1865, he was named Rector of Ocaña, where he did excellent service. During the following years he produced his 'Philosophia Elementaria,' the chief text-book used in the peninsular seminaries, and his own Castilian version of the book. In 1873 he issued his two important volumes entitled 'Estudios Religiosos, Científicos, y Sociales.' Two years later, after Cheminess, y Sociales. Two years later, after refusing the bishoprics of Astorga and Málaga, he was compelled to accept his nomination to the see of Córdoba, and in 1883 he was translated to Seville. In 1885 he received the hat, and in the following year gave the revised edition of his most imposing work, the 'Historia de la Filosofía,' translated into French by Père Pascal in 1890-91. His latest volume is 'La Biblia y la Ciencia,' published at Madrid in 1891. in 1891. As early as January, 1873, González was elected to the Academia de la Historia, and in June, 1883, he became a member of the Academia de Ciencias Morales y Políticas. A man of great accomplishment and energy, Cardinal Zeferino González worthily maintained the best traditions of the Spanish Churchmen. He was not precisely a Melchor Cano, but he leaves not his equal behind. With rare practical powers he combined genuine, unostentations learning and the gifts of lucid exposition and entire candour. He died of cancer on November 29th, having retired from active work some years previously, glad of the excuse to return to his books and his studies.

#### THE BARLIEST CHARTER OF LIBERTIES.

To the latest volume of Transactions issued by the Royal Historical Society, Dr. F. Liebermann contributes a highly important and interesting paper on the Coronation Charter of Henry I. This essay is, in fact, a critical edition of the text of the charter, giving all edition of the text of the charter, giving all the variants which occur in the MSS. Such an improved text of this our earliest charter of liberties the ground trade of the such as the such as the such that the su liberties, the groundwork of Magna Carta itself, will be very acceptable to all serious students of constitutional history. But the Latin text of the Coronation Charter, with its three hundred variants from nearly thirty MSS. of repute, and the curious French version which the author gives as an appendix, naturally occupy only a very small portion of the paper. The rest treats at length of the classification of the MSS., and it is here that Dr. Liebermann's wellknown method of identifying and localizing the work of different scribes appears to us to have given particularly valuable results. The motive-theory in the case of palpable forgeries in local copies of the charter is most clearly proved by the connexion of these MSS, with certain religious houses. Dr. Liebermann certainly de-serves our best thanks for having prepared at short notice [and in fluent English such a valuable contribution to the study of English constitutional history.

The same volume contains the third and concluding instalment of Mr. I. S. Leadam's remarkable investigations into the Tudor land question, together with original papers by Prof. Tout and other well-known authorities. There is also the annual address of the President, Sir

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M. E. Grant Duff, which serves as a suitable introduction to this very satisfactory record of the work of the Society during the past year.

THE LAST OF CHARLES LAMB'S FRIENDS.

Hertford. "DIED at Hertford, November 27th, aged ninety-two, Elizabeth, widow of Charles Tween." ninety-two, Elizabeth, widow of Charles Tween."
This lady was the elder of the two daughters of
"Randal Norris, Esq., of the Inner Temple"
(see gravestone in Widford Churchyard), who
are mentioned in Lamb's letter to Henry Crabb
Robinson, January, 1826; and Mr. Norris is
named in the 'Elia Essays,' first series, "The
Benchers of the Inner Temple," and Mr.
Norris's son Richard (also named in the letter)
lies buried at Widford; he died in 1836, aged
britty-two.

The two Misses Norris are named elsewhere in Lamb's letters. They began a ladies' school at Widford, and afterwards married two brothers. at Widford, and atterwards married two brothers. Elizabeth, the elder, just deceased, married Mr. Charles Tween, of Hertford, who died October 27th, 1886; and the second sister was married to Arthur Tween, who died about four years ago, and his widow only survived him about six months. These ladies were the last survivors of all Lamb's friends and acquaintances; and no wonder, for Charles Lamb died December 27th, 1834-sixty years since, this

pecember 27th, 1834—sixty years since, this very month.
The funeral was on Monday, December 3rd, in Widford Churchyard, Hertfordshire; and the place has many things that recall recollections of Lamb and his writings. On entering the churchyard, we see on the left the gravestone of his grandmother, Mrs. Field, and the lettering requires renovating. In front is the

On the green hill top, Hard by the house of prayer, a modest roof, And not distinguished from its neighbour-barn Save by a slender tapering length of spire, The grandame sleeps.

The grandame sleeps.

And on the right we are reminded of the opening of the first story in Mrs. Lamb's 'Mrs. Lester's School.' At Widford are the gravestones of Mrs. Elizabeth Norris (widow of Mr. Randal Norris), died July, 1843, and her son Richard, before named. On the west side the church tower are a stile and footpath leading to the beautiful valley of the Ash close by, and just on the other side is the wilderness Charles Lamb describes in his "Blakesmoor in H-shire" (first essay, second series), and H—shire" (first essay, second series), and also names in 'Rosamund Gray.' Just below the wilderness, and still nearer the church, stood the old Blakesware mansion where his grandmother was housekeeper, and which he describes in this essay. And on the rising ground to the east stood the cottage where Rosamund Gray lived with her grandmother. On the hillside, just north of the church and valley, is Little Blakesware Farm, where Charles Lamb used to visit Mr. Tween, the then tenant.

W. POLLARD.

### Literary Gosstp.

We have an announcement to make this week of no ordinary interest. Mrs. Thackeray Ritchie is thinking of bringing out an edition of her father's works with notes of a biographical character.

THE series of letters (about one hundred) from Edward Fitzgerald to Fanny Kemble will be commenced in the January number of Temple Bar.

MR. H. D. TRAILL is writing a biography of Sir John Franklin from the letters and family records collected during many years by his widow and, since her death, by the late Miss Sophia Cracroft, his niece. More than one narrative of Franklin's exploits as a navigator and of

his contributions to geographical science has been given to the world; but it is be-lieved that there is still room for a personal memoir which, while not, of course, neglecting the achievements of the explorer, should endeavour to give a more complete and detailed picture of the man. The volume will be published by Mr. Murray in the autumn of next year.

Mr. E. F. Knight, the author of 'The Cruise of the Falcon,' is going to bring out, through Messrs. Longman, a work on 'Rhodesia of To-day: a Description of the Present Condition and the Prospects of Matabeleland and Mashonaland.' For the first seven months of this year Mr. Knight was travelling in Matabeleland and Mashonaland as correspondent for the Times. He entered the country by way of Tati and Buluwayo, and went out by Manica and Beira. He thus gained a fair knowledge of this the first occupied and first to be developed portion of the vast territories which are within the sphere of the British South Africa Company's operations, and he has summarized his experiences in his book, and tried to present a general survey of the country as he found it. He will tell in another volume the history of the Chartered Company.

The forthcoming volume of 'Book-Prices Current'—the eighth of the series—will be published this time much earlier than usual, efforts having been made throughout the year to ensure promptness in reporting the sales held by the various literary auctioneers. Mr. J. H. Slater has improved the index by the addition of fresh cross and subject references. A feature of the new volume will be the preface, in which the editor analyzes the present state of the book market with regard to the various classes of books sought after by collectors.

Messes. Hutchinson have in the press a new romance by Mr. Frankfort Moore, entitled 'The Secret of the Court: a Romance of Life and Death,' the scene of which is laid in the East. The book is to be fully illustrated by Mr. G. H. Edwards. The same author's new novel 'One Fair Daughter' is to be reprinted by Baron Tauchnitz in his continental library, and the novel is also being translated into Ger-

MR. W. HENLEY will, it is understood, undertake the editorship of the New Review from the close of this year.

Canon Elwan has, we believe, decided to resign the principalship of Queen's College, Harley Street, owing to the pressure of his many engagements.

THERE is to be a general meeting of the Selden Society on Monday, to consider its present position.

MR. BARING-GOULD writes :-

"In your notice of Fairy Stories from rimm," published by Messrs. Wells Gardner & Co., you criticize severely both translation and selection, and attribute both to me. I had nothing to do with either. Messrs. Wells Gardner & Co. asked me to write a preface or introduction to an issue of Grimm's tales they proposed, but I neither saw the translation nor knew what were selected and what omitted, till the volume was published. If your re-viewer had looked at the title-page, he would have seen that I am credited with nothing

further than the introduction, and would have been saved the assumption he makes: 'Mr. Baring-Gould has picked out forty-four of the two hundred of the "Kinder- und Hausmärchen," &c., and 'Mr. Baring-Gould may say that they have been altered to suit youth.'" The title does not mention the name of the

A LARGE-PAPER edition of the shorter stories of Mr. George Meredith (to which the title of 'The Tale of Chloe' has been given) will be issued by Messrs. Ward, Lock & Bowden. It will consist of 250 signed copies, and will contain a new and unpublished portrait of Mr. Meredith by Mr. J. H. Roller, and a reproduction from a new painting of the Chalet at Box Hill by Mr. T. Vulliamy.

Mr. Skelton's reminiscences of Froude have sent Maga into a second edition.

New poems by Paul Verlaine and Dr. Gordon Hake will appear in the new year's number of the Senate. The title of the French poet's contribution is 'La Classe.'

It is said that Mr. W. J. Linton, now a resident in Hartford, Connecticut, will soon send to the press his recollections, on which he has long been engaged.

WE are informed that Messrs. Putnam have in the press the third volume of Mr. Moneure Conway's edition of Paine's writings, which will consist mainly of speeches and essays in France, with the exception of the religious pamphlets, which will be reserved for the closing (fourth) volume. In this third volume will be printed several articles not contained in any previous editions of Paine—among these an essay on 'Royalty' (from Brissot's Le Patriote Français, October, 1792), and the memorial to Monroe, written in prison, of which only an abridgment has been known, but which Mr. Conway will print from the original manuscript.

At a meeting of the American "Authors' Guild," held in New York, November 21st, a resolution was proposed to reopen the International Copyright Law by a petition to Congress for its amendment. The discussion of the resolution was adjourned to the regular meeting in December, when the project of publishing a literary quarterly will also be considered by the Guild.

At the first meeting for the season of "Uncut Leaves," a literary society of New York, November 24th, Mr. Nelson Wheatcroft, an actor, read the fourth chapter of Mr. George Meredith's forthcoming novel 'An Amazing Marriage.'

Messes. Macmillan have arranged to issue a translation of Prof. Ratzel's 'Völkerkunde.' Although it appeals especially tostudents of ethnography and anthropology, the work is said to be one of general interest, and to have been widely appreciated in Germany. The translator will be Mr. A. J. Butler, and a preface will be contributed by Dr. E. B. Tylor. There will be, as in the original, many illustrations. The book will be in three volumes, resembling in size and form those of the illustrated edition of Green's 'Short History.' It will appear in monthly parts, each of which will contain a coloured plate besides illustrations in the text. The publication of the parts will begin next

Part IV. of Messrs. Kegan Paul & Co.'s magazine Bibliographica, which will appear during the course of the present month, will contain a paper by Dr. E. Maunde Thompson on English illuminated MSS. from the twelfth to the fourteenth century, and one by Mr. Austin Dobson on the library of Dr. Mead. Mr. William Morris will contribute an essay on the illustrated books of Augsburg and Ulm, and Mr. Sidney Lee one on Blount, the Elizabethan publisher, who had dealings with many of the poets and playwrights of the day. Mr. A. J. Butler writes on some curious Italian initial letters, and Sir J. C. Robinson, in noticing the recently published reproductions of the miniatures in the Sforza Book of Hours, gives an account of how the original came into his possession.

PROF. A. WEBER, of Berlin, has just been elected a member of the French Institute.

The obituary of last week included General Sir Patrick M'Dougall, the author of several works on the art of war; of Mr. Hilary Skinner, the author of 'Roughing it in Crete'; and of Mr. Hall, the author of treatises on the 'Rights and Duties of Neutrals' and on 'International Law.'

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Bangkok: "The edition of the Tipitaka issued for the king's jubilee has been completed, and is now distributed to the foreign academies and universities, to whom it is given as a present by the king in commemoration of his jubilee. The thing most worthy of remark in the Siamese edition, the real editio princeps, is that the Jātaka is not included in it, thus proving conclusively, if proof was needed, that these stories do not form part of the Buddhist canon, and that, however valuable they may be for folk-lore, no conclusions can be drawn from them with regard to the tenets of Buddhism. We shall soon also have in Bangkok a Buddhist religious society under the name of Dhammacakkhu, whilst every Wan Phra (uposatha) sermons are preached in the principal temples by priests and laymen on the Buddhist doctrine and morals. The newest venture, however, in the direction of proselytizing is that of a number of highly influential Mohammedans who are going to print the Koran in a Siamese translation. It is expected that the work, on which well-known Hadjis and Imams are engaged, will be completed within two years. If we are to believe Laloubère and the Jesuit Fathers of the time of Louis XIV., the Mohammedans of Siam tried to convert King Naray and his court to Moham-medanism. They did not succeed, and if the Mohammedans in translating the Koran have in view the conversion of any number of Siamese, they are hardly more likely to succeed at the end of the nineteenth century than they did in the seventeenth century than they did in the seventeenth century. The French Catholic Mission seems, however, to be of a different opinion, as the printer has received notice to quit the premises occupied by him on the Mission ground."

'A JORUM OF PUNCH, with those who Brewed It,' is the title selected by Mr. Athol Mayhew for his forthcoming origin and early history of "The London Charivari." The volume is to be illustrated, and will contain anecdotes of Thackeray, Douglas Jerrold, Henry and Horace Mayhew, Mark Lemon, Albert Smith, and the original Punch staff.

THERE are no Parliamentary Papers likely to be of interest to our readers this week.

#### SCIENCE

METALLURGY AND MINING. A Text-Book of Ore and Stone Mining. By C. Le Neve Foster, F.R.S. (Griffin & Co.)—We have seldom had the pleasure to review a work so thorough and complete as the present one. Both in manner and in matter it is far superior to anything on its special subject hitherto pub-lished in England. Nor is this to be wondered at when we consider the very exceptional trainat when we consider the very exceptional training and opportunities of its author. One of a scientific family to begin with, and well armed with the knowledge of the schools, Dr. Le Neve Foster entered upon the actual business of life as an officer of the Geological Survey. After several years spent in mapping portions of the south of England he was appointed a Government Inspector of Metalliferous Mines, and was stationed first in Cornwall and afterwards in North Wales. This responsible post he still holds, and together with it, since the death of his friend and early teacher, Sir Warington Smyth, the Professorship of Mining in the Royal School of Mines (now incorporated with the Royal College of Science). During the thirty years or so thus covered Dr. Foster's pen has not been idle, and we owe many valuable papers, both theoretical and practical, to his sagacity and powers of observation. His literary industry he has proved by translating, with Mr. W. Galloway, Callon's great treatise on mining. With so much experience of exactly the kind required Prof. Foster could scarcely fail in his present enterprise. He has succeeded almost beyond expectation. It is true that he has been well seconded by his publishers, as the admirable illustrations in this volume, over 700 in number, testify. Where all is so good, it is difficult to select any particular point for special praise, but we are much struck by the excellence of the chapter on the "Mode of Occurrence of Minerals"—a subject as a rule handled so perfunctorily in books on mining. It is always difficult to hit upon a fairly logical classification of the very heterogeneous substances sometimes mined for. Dr. Foster has got over this difficulty by simply placing them in alphabetical order. This has enabled him to include in his list, without offence, such "minerals" as ice and natural gas. One entry calls for brief criticism. "Freestone" is apparently known to the author only as limestone of Jurassic age. This is no doubt the usual meaning of the term in Southern England, but in the north of England, Scotland, and, we believe, in North America also, freestone is synonymous with sandstone, or, at least, such sandstone as can be used as building stone. But perhaps Dr. Foster means that only the Jurassic freestone is actually mined, in which case he is probably right; but the point might have been put more distinctly. The chapter case he is probably right; but the point might have been put more distinctly. The chapter on boring, though brief, is exceedingly clear and to the point. We are glad to see that it includes an account (to be sought for in vain in other text-books) of Van den Broeck and Rutot's portable set of tools for shallow borings. Under the head of "Breaking Ground," too, many methods are described which it would be difficult to find readily elsewhere. tion" includes quite an astonishing number of ways of winning ores and other substances, and the author has here well brought out the dependence of each system upon the geological circumstances of the deposit sought for. The examples are selected with great judgment and from all parts of the world. "Haulage," "Hoisting," "Drainage," "Ventilation," "Lighting," &c., are all most carefully discussed, and wrinkles are gathered from every mine district. The newest apparatus in use is given, but old methods are not, as they too often are, omitted in consequence. Our old friend the man-engine is probably doomed by this time. We nevertheless find a full descrip-

tion of that rather awe-inspiring device under the heading "Descent and Ascent." not quite sure whether, strictly speaking ore-dressing should be included under mining at all. It lies upon the border-line between that art and metallurgy, and is, in fact, one of the earliest processes in the latter, one of the earnest processes in the latter. It is, however, very fully gone into by Dr. Foster in his thirteenth chapter. The economics of mining labour are not neglected. Modes of payment—according to time, measure, or weight—tribute systems, &c., are explained, and instances of each are given, from Wales, Cornwall, or the ozokerite mines of Boryslaw, as the case may be. The laws of mines and quarries are next considered, and we think that here some reference might, with advantage, have been made to foreign legislation, in pursuance of the practice followed in the rest of the book. The last chapter is that on accidents. It is very generally supposed that work in coal-pits is more dangerous than work in metalliferous mines, even in the proportion of eleven to eight, and carelessly read statistics seem to bear out this view. After eliminating all sources of misunderstanding, Dr. Foster comes to the conclusion :-

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"First, that the mines under the Coal Mines Regulation Act are not always more destructive to life than the mines under the Metalliferous Mines Regulation Act; and, secondly, that certain mines worked for metallic ores, such as the iron mines of Yorkshire, and the tin and copper mines of Cornwall and Devon, present more dangers to the underground worker than any average colliery, in spite of the almost complete absence of explosions of gas. In other words, as has been repeatedly pointed out, fire-damp is not the worst enemy the miner has to contend with."

The Metallurgy of Gold. By T. Kirke Rose, B.Sc. (Griffin & Co.)—Prof. Roberts-Austen a little while ago published an 'Introduction to the Study of Metallurgy,' which has already reached a third edition. This admirable work was but the forerunner of a series of volumes devoted each to an individual metal, and of this series Mr. (now, we believe, Dr.) Kirke Rose's 'Metallurgy of Gold' is the first. Prof. Roberts Austen, as the editor of this series, is to be congratulated on having found in Dr. Rose one able to maintain the high standard which he himself has set. Metallurgy begins exactly where mining leaves off, and we see little advan-tage in including a necessarily brief and imper-fect account of hydraulicking and other methods of working auriferous deposits in a special manual like the present. Dr. Rose has quite enough to describe in his own department, and enough to describe in his own department, and could have referred inquiring students to other text-books for mining details. Although we feel bound to make this criticism, we must own that the description of deep and shallow placer mining given in this work is, so far as it goes, mining given in this work is, so far as it goes, singularly interesting and up to date. Among the many recent processes of importance which will be found fully detailed in this volume is the "MacArthur-Forrest process," now largely used in South Africa and in North America. According to this method the crushed and otherwise prepared ore is treated by means of potassium cyanide, the dissolved gold is precipitated by the action of zine shavings, and the "gold-sipes" thus obtained are converted into gold-shines" thus obtained are converted into bullion by fusion. Thus baldly stated the operation may appear simple. It is far from being so in reality, and to any one anxious to gain an insight into the innumerable precautions and minute care needed in separating the gold from the dross, we can strongly recommend a perusal of Dr. Rose's clear and workmanlike description of this or of the chlorination processes which are so much in favour at the present time, and which are undergoing almost daily improvements. As Dr. Rose's experience of gold extraction in Western North America is naturally of great service to him in the discussion of the various treatments of gold ore up to the crude bullion stage, so is his experience in the

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BOTAL—Nov. 30.—Anniversary Meeting.—Lord telvin, President, in the chair.—The auditors of the Treasurer's accounts presented their report.—Becretary read the list of Fellows elected and iscased since the last anniversary.—The anniversary address was delivered by the President, and is same was ordered to be printed.—The medals are presented as follows: The Copley Medal to Frof. Dewar, toral Medals to Prof. Thomson and Prof. Victor Israel, and the Rumford Medal to Prof. Dewar, toral Medals to Prof. Cleve, and the lawfin Medal to Davy Medal to Prof. Cleve, and the lawfin Medal to the Right Hon. T. H. Huxley.—he officers and Council were elected as follows: President, Lord Kelvin; Treasurer, Sir J. Evans; Sentaries, Prof. M. Foster and Lord Rayleigh; Freigh Secretary, Sir J. Lister; other Members of Loward, Dr. A. A. Common, W. Crookes, F. Luvin, A. R. Forsyth, Sir D. Galton, Prof. A. H. Hies, Sir J. Kirk, Prof. H. Lamb, Prof. E. Ray Lakester, Prof. A. Macalister, Prof. J. S. Burdon Enderson, T. E. Thorpe, and W. H. White.

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Society of Antiquaries.—Nov. 29.—Sir A. W. Isaderson, T. E. Thorpe, and W. H. President refered to the loss the Society had sustained by the deaths of Canon Cooke and Sir C. Newton which would be felt not only by the Society, but by archaeolegists of all countries. The President also drew stention to the satisfactory intelligence of the important modification in the proposed dam across the jile, whereby the Island of Phile and its beautiful tamples would no longer be in danger of submersion.—Mr. G. F. W. Meadows, through the Rev. E. Parer, exhibited the bronze or latten shell of an umorial steelyard weight of the thirteenth century from Welford Church, Northants, with the device of the manus Dei; also a beautiful example of a nit mounted in silver, with London hall-marks for 188-7.—Rev. C. R. Manning exhibited two armorial pedants.—The President exhibited a remarkable woheaded snake of ancient Mexican work, formed of wood with a covering of turquoise mossic, upon which the Secretary made some explanatory remarks as to its rarity and probable date. — Mr. Isadeley exhibited in illustration a number of plotographs and drawings of ancient Mexican sulptures, showing the introduction of two-headed sakes as ornaments and architectural accessories.—The Secretary gave an account of the examination by him of a Saxon grave at Broomfield, Essex, and chibited a number of bronze, glass, gold, and other sticles found.

STATISTICAL.—Dec. 4.—A paper was read by the Hon. R. P. Porter (Superintendent of the Eleventh Cassus) 'On the Eleventh United States Census.'

Institution of Civil Engineers.—Dec. 4.—
Sr R. Rawlinson, President, in the chair.—It was anounced that twenty-one Associate Members had been transferred to the class of Members, and that 10 candidates had been admitted as Students.—The first ballot for the session 1894—95 resulted in the election of eight Members, 130 Associate Members, and four Associates. bers, and four Associates.

ROYAL INSTITUTION.—Dec. 3.—Sir J. Crichton-Browne in the chair.—The following gentlemen were dected Members: Rev.J. O. Bevan, Dr. C. L. Tuckey, Messrs. H. T. Brown, H. S. Keating, G. Lindo, S. Morse, E. Steinkopff, G. J. Stoney, A. E. Western, C. Wightman, and G. W. Wolff.

SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS.—Dec. 3.—Mr. G. A. Goodwin, President, in the chair.—A paper was mad by Mr. H. B. Ransom 'On the Principles and Practice of Hydro-Extraction.'

SOCIETY OF BIBLICAL ARCHÆOLOGY. — Dec. 4.

—Mr. P. le P. Renouf, President, in the chair.—The following papers were read: By the Rev. Dr. Gaster, '('On Two Unknown Hebrew Versions of the Tobit Legend,'—and by Mr. T. G. Pinches' On the Lament of the Daughter of Sin.'

HENRY BRADSHAW SOCIETY.—Nov. 28.—Annual Meeting.—Mr. Whitley Stokes, V.P., in the chair.—The report from the Council showed that the

numerical strength of the Society was well maintained, and that the complete sets of past issues were reduced to seven in number. Two volumes had been distributed to members during the past year, 'The Tracts of Clement Maydeston,' edited by the Rev. C. Wordsworth, and 'The Winchester Troper,' edited by the Rev. W. H. Frere, the latter volume being the first complete edition of a troper. For coming years, 'The Martyrology of Gorman,' edited by Mr. Whitley Stokes, was nearly through the press, and the second volume of the 'Bangor Antiphoner' was also far advanced. The third and concluding volume of the Westminster liturgical manuscripts was being seen through the press by Dr. Wickham Legg; and the whole of the Irish 'Liber Hymnorum,' of which a certain number had been printed by Dr. Todd, was being edited by the Rev. Dr. Bernard, and would very shortly be sent to press. Other works in active preparation were the Hereford Breviary, edited by Mr. Frere; the Missal of Robert of Jumièges, Archbishop of Canterbury in 1050, edited by Mr. H. A. Wilson; the Liturgy of St. James, by Mr. Brightman; Abbot Ware's Consuctudinary of Westminster, by Mr. E. Maunde Thompson; and the first edition of the Roman Missal printed at Milan in 1474.—The President and officers were then elected for the coming year.

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK

Mon. London Institution, 5.- 'Electric Engines,' Prof. S. P. Thomp-

son.

Engineers, 7½.—Annual General Meeting.
Society of Arts. 8.—'Modern Developments in Explosives,'
Lecture III. Prof. V. B. Lewes. (Cantoc Lecture).
Library Association, 8.—'Classification in Public Libraries, with
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Ancestor Gods) of the Fijlans, Mr. B. M. Thomson. The Classificatory System of Relationship, Australia, 'Rev', L. Fison.

Society of Arts, 8.—'Manufacture of Salt,' Mr. T. Ward.

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#### Science Cossip.

The continued and very serious illness of Mr. A. C. Ranyard has compelled him to desist from all his scientific labours. No permanent arrangement has yet been made for the editorship of Knowledge; but for the present the astronomical section is being supervised by Mr. E. W. Maunder, F.R.A.S., President of the British Astronomical Association.

A CONTRIBUTION to the history of epidemics is about to be published by the Epidemiological Society of London, in the shape of an account of the Great Plague of London in 1665, written by a London apothecary, William Boghurst, who was on the spot through the whole epidemic, and gained a large experience of the disease. This document has long remained in manuscript in the British Museum, and a few quotations have been made from it by various authors, but it has never been printed. Boghurst gives an account of the origin and spread of the epidemic very different from that given by Nathanael Hodges, whose work is the only other medical authority on the subject; and his account of the symptoms and complications of the disease is also much fuller than that of Hodges. This description offers many points of resemblance to the accounts of the latest epidemic of the true plague, that of Hong Kong

in the present year. It will be published in the Transactions of the Society and also separately, edited, with an introduction, by the late President of the Society, Dr. Payne.

Two small planets were discovered photographically by Dr. Max Wolf at Heidelberg on the 4th ult; on the 19th one was discovered by M. Borrelly at Marseilles; and on the 24th another (photographically) by M. Charlois at Nice. The whole number now known is probably 206 bably 396.

CIRCULAR No. 41 of the Wolsingham Observa-tory (Rev. T. E. Espin) announces the detection on the 30th ult. of a very red eighth-magnitude star of the fourth type, not in the 'Durchmusterung.' Its place for 1900 is R.A. 18<sup>h</sup> 54<sup>m</sup>·3, N.P.D. 31° 46'.

THE new comet (e, 1894) discovered by Mr. E. Swift on the 20th ult. was observed the following night by Prof. Barnard at the Lick Obser-

WE understand that the Technical Education Committee of the London County Council have recommended a grant of 1,000l. a year to University College and 500l. a year to Bedford College; but no grant will be made to King's College, in consequence of the restriction of its associateship to students who have qualified in

#### FINE ARTS

CHRISTMAS BOOKS.

The Life of Christ as represented in Art. By F. W. Farrar. (A. & C. Black.)—Arch-deacon Farrar has compiled this book from all sorts of sources, and, adding his own impressions, has adopted the opinions of divers men, some of whom knew nothing whatever about art as such, while others knew more or less about pictures. A certain number of the compiler's authorities, such as Didron, Crowe, Cavalcaselle, Viollet le Duc, Père Garrucci, Agincourt, and the like, really were learned antiquaries and critics, but his selection of a number of questionable authors his selection of a number of questionable authors does not improve his monograph. Apart from this, it is our duty to say that his writing is distinguished by catholicity of judgment as to painters, is freer than we expected from his well-known mannerisms, and altogether he is less unctuous than usual, so that he has produced a really good, in a popular sense, and useful compendium of the subject of which it treats. Farrar tells us that, until his book was practically finished, he did not consult Mrs. Jameson's 'History of our Lord in Art,' a most unwise omission on his part. The cuts and plates are of very unequal value: some are as good as was necessary, a few are very good, but, on the other hand, several of them are very bad indeed. We do not discover many novelties among the number.

The Adventures of Oliver Twist, by C. Dickens (Chapman & Hall), is a comely, but rather cumbrous volume. The printing is good, and facsimiles are added of twenty-four water-colour drawings by G. Cruikshank. The preface reminds us that the original designs by the famous etcher were slightly tinted outlines; from these etcner were signtly tinted outsines; from these tracings were made, and transferred to the copper-plates for etching; but it seems that a friend induced Cruikshank, by the offer of a round sum, to finish the originals in colour, which he sum, to must the originals in colour, which he did, without, however, carrying them very far. From these tinted versions the illustrations before us have been made with what appears to be exemplary success and fidelity. The designs themselves are, in this their primary state, somewhat less exaggerated than the tale they are the statement of the illustrate, and the grotesque elements of Dickens's invention are not so strongly emphasized as in the well-known etchings. On the other hand, Cruikshank's masterpiece in 'Oliver Twist,' the tragedy of 'Sikes and his Dog,' is

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perceptibly weaker than in the etching; while some of the designs, especially that which de-picts the interview between Fagin, Noah Claypole, and Charlotte, are a great deal better than the published examples. On the whole, it is to say that this volume is a most important addition to the Cruikshank and Dickens library. The frontispiece, containing thirteen versions in small vignettes of so many of the larger designs, was made by the artist for the purpose it now serves, and has not been published before.

The Fables of Æsop (Macmillan & Co.) is distinguished—though not, "as times go," exceptionally so—by the badness of the design on its cover, an invention we forbear to describe. Mr. Joseph Jacobs has selected the fables before us, and told anew their history, a task he performed in 1889, and in respect to which we need not follow him here. Mr. R. Heighway's "pictures," as he calls the cuts which accompany the text, are of no account in point of wit, freshness, and art. — The Last Leaf, by O. W. Holmes (Sampson Low & Co.), is as a poem not of the highest value, but there is great pathos in it; and so there is in a letter concerning the poem addressed by the writer to the publishers, which is facsimiled here. Messrs. G. W. Edwards and F. H. Smith have added some very nice landscapes and other sketches, but their vignettes are not so good, while their heads and figures are but weak

Art Pictures from the Old Testament. Letterpress by A. Fox. (S.P.C.K.)—In a strict sense of the term, which it is convenient to observe, the only picture in this book is a tame thing on Within, ninety woodcuts reproduce the cover. versions, of very unequal quality, of designs by some of the best and most vigorous artists of the day, nearly all, if not all, of which have been issued before. Some of them, being from publications of the Messrs. Dalziel, are, or were originally, capital pieces of modern wood engraving, a very large proportion of which deserved much more careful printing than they have received in the present issue, for they have, even as designs and apart from their cutting, suffered considerably. Of some of the designs it mattered little whether they were ill or well printed. Putting aside these and the mediocre examples, we can praise, questions of printing apart, Sir F. Leighton's 'Cain and Abel, son carrying the Gates, 'Death of the First-born,' and 'Moses views the Promised Land', Mr. Poynter's 'Joseph before Pharaoh,' 'Pharaoh honours Joseph,' 'Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh,' before Pharaoh,' and the noble 'Miriam singing the Song of Praise'; Sir E. B. Jones's 'Parable of the Boiling Pot'; Mr. S. Solo-mon's fine 'Hosannah!' a young Levite with mon's fine 'Hosannah! his harp, and several more choice instances; Madox Brown's 'Elijah and the Widow's Son' and 'The Death of Eglon'; Mr. Holman Hunt's 'Eliezer and Rebekah at the Well'; Dyce's 'Jacob meeting Rachel'; and a certain number of admirable works by Messrs. Watts, F. Sandys, A. Murch, and E. Armitage. It is observable that, even in some of the abovenamed examples, the President and Mr. Hunt in their efforts to achieve grandeur of style have not avoided being artificial, somewhat forced and stilted; Dyce, Madox Brown, and Mr. Poynter are uniformly strong and appropriate; but all the good things have suffered woefully under the printer. The letterpress is explanatory and edifying, Mr. Fox taking the Jewish view with regard to all the proceedings of the Chosen People.

The black and yellow binding of The Surprising Adventures of Baron Munchausen (Lawrence & Bullen) is the ugliest we have ever met with; the worst part of it is the hideous colouring of the edges. The introduction Mr. T. Seccombe has written contains a good deal that is worth reading, but we stumble at the outset on being told that it is curious that of "that class of literature to which Munchausen

belongs-that, namely, of voyages imaginaires"the three great types should all have been created in England, 'Utopia,' 'Robinson Crusoe,' and 'Gulliver.' It is plain from this that Mr. and 'Gulliver.' It is pian from the Six John Seccombe has never travelled with Sir John Maundeville, Bishop Pontoppidan, nor with Sindhad the Sailor. 'Munchausen' first ap-Sindbad the Sailor. 'Munchausen' first appeared in London in 1785; the second edition is dated 1786, while the author, Rudolph Eric Raspe, was serving as assay-master to the Dolcoath mines, after which he removed to Sutherlandshire, and, to the grief of Sir John Sinclair of Ulbster, seems to have become the prototype to a certain extent of Scott's Dousterswivel. Removing to Ireland as a mining adventurer, he, just a hundred years ago, died at Muckross. Mr. Seccombe might as well have added to his text a certain number of explanatory and historical notes where Time has made the allusions obscure, and, if the "Baron" was to be treated seriously, he deserved an index. The illustrations by Mr. W. Strang and Mr. J. B. Clark to this famous satire are unromantic. There is not a gleam of wit nor beauty, unless, indeed, we discover wit in the poor device of employing black silhouettes of figures in the composi-tions. To illustrate 'Munchausen' properly one ought to have a rare feeling for the grotesque and quaint.

The Queen of Beauty; or, Adventures of Prince Elfrestan. By Mrs. Re Henry. Illustrated by J. Jellicoe. (Chapman & Hall.) Mrs. Henry has not the gifts which go to the writing of a brilliant fairy romance, nor has Mr. Jellicoe genius and skill enough to make up for the genius and skill enough to make up for the shortcomings of his coadjutor. The result of their joint efforts is not exhilarating.—The Attack on the Mill. By E. Zola. Illustrated by R. Courboin. (Heinemann.) M. Zola employs supreme art in the brief story which is adequately translated in this little book. The cuts are the work of an artist who, while feeling his subject deeply, knows how to express his feeling, and how to draw and paint with vigour. Some of the cuts are coloured with unusual tact and skill.

The sumptuous edition of Pride and Prejudice just issued by Mr. George Allen is imitated from the "Cranford Series," but makes a delightful volume. Mr. Hugh Thomson's sketches exhibit that combination of delicate grace and spirited humour which characterizes his work; and many of the head and tail pieces and initial letters are as perfect as they can be. We must confess, however, to considerable disappointment in the larger drawings as interpretations of the characters. If the headpiece to chap. xx. on p. 139, for example, were appropriate, Madame de Staël would have had some excuse for calling Jane Austen vulgar; and a large number of the illustrations are really caricatures. Mr. Thomson's Elizabeth is quite inadequate, and his best work may be seen in such incidental subjects as "Lydia tenderly flirting with at least six officers at once" (there are only five), in his dainty allegories, and in other fancy pictures of scenes and episodesparticularly those containing children-to which the novelist makes only a passing allusion.

The representations of Mr. Collins, indeed, are almost invariably happy, and perhaps this is not surprising. Mr. Saintsbury's "Preface" is pleasantly appreciative. He is an enthusiastic "Austenian or Janite," and a devotee of "Pride and Prejudice in particular. He will not admit that Mr. Darcy's rudeness is overdone, that Mr. Bennett is open to any reproach, or even that Mr. Collins and Lady Catherine are occasionally exaggerated. Thanks to him for the unqualified defence, and above all thanks for his denial of the petty scandal, originated by Sir Walter Scott, that Elizabeth Bennett was induced to accept Darcy by the sight of his fine estate. To that most charming of heroines Mr. Saintsbury does full justice.

THE SOCIETY OF PAINTERS IN WATER COLOUR WINTER EXHIBITION.

(First Notice.)

THIS year the Old Society has wisely with This year the Old Soundly and drawn from the catalogue the words declaring in the drawn from the catalogue the words declaring in the catalogue the words declaring the catalogue the catalogue the catalogue the words declaring the catalogue to be composed of "Sketches and Studies." The winter exhibition has long ceased to be described. able in such terms, although the summer gathe ing is still the more ambitious of the two the average of the winter exhibitions, and ce tainly it is far better than that of 1893, yet a good many of the principal Member and Associates do not contribute: Mr. Alm Tadema, for instance, Mr. W. C. T. Dobson Mr. H. Moore, Mr. D. Murray, Mr. Poynte and Sir F. Powell, not to mention occasion contributors like Lord Carlisle, or Sir E. Burn Jones, or Mr. Marks; and some to whom the public is accustomed to look for better thing are but indifferently represented.

One of the most striking drawings in the e hibition is Mr. G. A. Fripp's North Flank Ben Cruachan (No.5), a landscape full of pearl colour and distinguished by firm draughtsmar ship, even though an exceptional hardness make it less attractive than the same artist's clear an brilliant Egglestone Abbey (30), or his warm, coloured and exquisitely foreshortened view of a sea-beach, calm water, trees, and the declining sun, called Distant View of the Isle of Mulicipal State of Style. brilliant Egglestone Abbey (30), or his warml (181), which is a good specimen of style. His in Glen Etive (316) and In the Hills of Morre (325) are specimens of the same sort of work but they are not so good.—It was a fortunat day for art when a number of connoisseurs in Birmingham induced Mr. T. M. Rooke engage in a series of drawings of famous work of antiquity, such as No. 9 before us, which represents in contrasting cool and warm light the Romanesque Sculptures on the West Porch of Chartres Cathedral. The drawing, the mode ling, the purity of the colour, and the breadt of this valuable study are of the highest tech nical value. The Street of the Palace of Justice Chartres (17), is another excellent instalment of the same collection of studies, and so are Nos. 212 and 284.

The theme of the Cherry Ripe (13) of Mr. T. Lloyd, a brilliant, well-massed, and richly coloured view of an old walled garden, ha but little, except its art, in common with the Romanesque carvings and ancient streets of the capital of La Beauce. The technical subjects of these works, however, and their pictori charms—that is to say their breadth, massiveness, and delicacy of tone and colour—aridentical. In Gone (22) Mr. Lloyd has improve greatly in the art of telling, or rather suggesting a story, while his technique and ability to depict effects of light—in this case that of the setting sun contrasting with the new moon while illuminating the surface of a calm river—are sti more obvious than before. The drawing is mexcellent keeping and good in colour. These are the best and most ambitious of Mr. Lloyd's contributions, but he exhibits too many other that are of less value.—Mr. S. P. Jackson drawings are also rather too numerous; the sober tones, homogeneity, and solemn motive contrast with the brightness and the wealth light and tints distinguishing the works of Mr. Lloyd and those of Mr. Rooke, and bring them into affinity with those of Mr. G. A. Fripp. Mr. Jackson's Headlands around Boscastle (61), although not a picture of grey and misty twilight, such as he commonly affects, is not less touching and sincere. Here we have a pallid sort of evening glow. Trebarwith Strand (101) depicts a once impressive and solitary shore, of which trippers now disport themselves, and which-like many other magnificent pieces of which—like many other magnineer pieces of Cornish coast—they have vulgarized. The scenes of No. 173, *Tintagel*, and of *Mangas Porth* (179), and the romantic *Trevose Hest* (248)—to which, by the way, Mr. Jackson dos

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A shadowy, narrow street of lofty stone houses, with here and there carved balconies of wood, has afforded Mr. Wallis opportunities sely with leclaring i lies." The describ ner gather the two ole, above good, has allorded Mr. Wallis opportunities for utilizing his delicate perception of tone, serial perspective, and opalescent colours exquisitely harmonized, in Fetching Water, a Lane Gairo (92), his sole contribution of the season, and one of the few works of first-rate art now before us.—Mr. R. T. Waite's Enkhuisen, Holland (98), is a bright, sound, solid, and firmly drawn view of the Zuider Zee and some old buildings in one of the "Dead Cities." The s, and cer 393. And Cer 393. And Member Ir. Alma Dobson buildings in one of the "Dead Cities." The figures and boats seen in afternoon light are capital. His Rustic Children (14) is pretty, though somewhat artificial. Hoorn (178) is pearly as good as 'Enkhuisen,' but Stonehaven (335) is rather flat, hard, and scattered in its effect. Mr. Waite, like Mr. Jackson and Mr. Lloyd, habitually exhibits too many drawings. -Mr. A. W. Hunt is almost, but not quite, at his best with a fine coast scene from his favourite Robin Hood's Bay (110), a morning effect on a long series of promontories. It is a fine and delicately touched study of the air and multitudelicately touched study of the air and multitudinous seas. Saltwick Bay (160), a very different theme, is treated by Mr. Hunt with equal refinement. There is much that is excellent in the gradations of the air. The solidity is stereoscopic and the drawing capital. No visitor should overlook Hayburn Wyke (209), by the same painter.—Mr. W. E. Walker is at his best in the Lask Kenney's Cettera (112). the Lock Keeper's Cottage (113), a most telling and solemn study of evening, impressive through the effect of the afterglow upon a river, meadows, trees, and a rustic building. Other drawings here are not so good, and all of them betray the influence of the lamp rather than of the sun and moon.

Few instances here have so much veracity, few instances here have so much veracity, force, breadth, good drawing, or strength of colour and tone as we find in Mr. M. Hale's Bristol, Winter Evening (151), a quay on the Avon, in which ruddy gleams fall upon the broken surface of the water from the many windows of the houses upon the shore, and a deep furid glow is diffused throughout the scene. This work has the force of oil, and loses nothing of vigour and the wealth of its finely harmonized tints. No. 267, Autumn Evening, also deserves attention, while No. 166, Early Summer, is really good art. The South-West Wind (281) commends itself by its exceptional force and success as an excellent study of the sea's surface and the local colours of the atmosphere.—Wollacombe Sands (367), by Mr. Hale, is a pure and luminous representation (marked by tender tints and succellent draughtsmanship) of the summer sea breaking slowly upon a sandy shore.—A pretty and fresh drawing of a simple and thoroughly English theme is Mr. E. A. Waterlow's Village

Lane, Somerset (195).

Of Mr. A. Goodwin's more important conor Mr. A. Goodwin's more important contributions it is difficult to say which is the finest. Wells (246), the gateway of the Vicars' Close in the city, a picture of moonlight, is the most original, harmonious, and powerful. Monaco (25) is luminous, and No. 29, Schaff-kausen, is almost as vivid and tender, but a little control of the c little scattered, and (as it might be in nature) spotty in its effect of strongly contrasting lights and shadows. Admirable in quite a different way is the picturesque Bridgenorth (94), rich in tones and tints. Lynmouth (114), a charming illustration of light, is delicate, and, indeed, a trifle weak. We like Aylesford (137) improved for its action to the strong strong the strong three strong strong the strong strong three strong three strong strong strong three strong strong three strong mensely for its atmosphere and sound draughtsmanship. The last is a quality not frequently found in combination with delicate colours and a tender luminosity.—Perhaps the most ambitious and most important drawing here comes from Mr. E. R. Hughes, who has chosen to illustrate (not very wisely nor very hannily so far as his conception of the theven happily, so far as his conception of the theme and the design in which he embodied it are concerned) from Straparola the incident where

the snake - sister of Blancabella compels the latter to strip, stand erect in a bowl of milk, and allow herself to be licked all over. The naked figure and lovely girlish face of Blancabella, the bowls of milk and flowers, and the serpent's splendid armour-like skin are delightfully depicted with exquisite finish and completeness, and they are, in fact, of very singular beauty. This fine, but not wholly successful, effort is called Blancabella and Samaritana (251). Thoroughly admirable, learned, and worthy of an old master of the greatest time are Study (288), Study (295), and No. 304, a Study in Silver-Point, by Mr. Hughes. These are heads of perfect draughtsmanship and powerful and true expressions.—Mr. Shields's life-size Study of a Head (287) is first rate in all respects, but we care little for his over-learned and much laboured Obedience (292). It is rather strained and senti-

#### SIR CHARLES THOMAS NEWTON.

On the 28th ult., in his seventy-eighth year, the fortunate discoverer of the ruins of the Mausoleum at Halicarnassus died at Westgate, Mausoleum at Halicarnassus died at Westgate, near Margate. His father was the vicar of Bredwardine, in Herefordshire. The future antiquary was born there. He was edu-cated at Shrewsbury School, whence in due time he went to Christ Church, Oxford, and he took a Second Class in 1837. In May of 1840 he became a Junior Assistant in the Department of Greek and Roman Antiquities at the British Museum, then under the charge at the British Museum, then under the charge of Edward Hawkins, one of the best antiquaries of his time, great in numismatics, satirical prints, and also classical antiquities, as they were then studied. In 1849 Newton published 'Notes on the Sculptures at Wilton House,' having previously contributed to the Archeologia and Archeological Journal. Dissatisfied with his position at Bloomsbury, where a certain amount of friction was with one of his with his position at Bloomsbury, where a certain amount of friction was, with one of his temperament, inevitable, Newton, who had already discerned what opportunities of discovery there were on the sites of ancient cities, procured a sort of roving antiquarian commission, with the nominal Vice Consulship at Mitylene, although to perform the commercial duties would have puzzled him most hugely. This was in 1852. He had the countenance of the Trustees of the Museum, and, we believe a moderate subside Museum, and, we believe, a moderate subsidy from them, as well as the support of the Dilet-tante Society, besides, it is said, some funds from private hands.

After many inquiries and some experiments not altogether successful, Newton, to whom the accounts of Halicarnassus (the Turkish Budrun) in Vitruvius formed a very clear and safe guide, pitched upon a mound where few could doubt the remains of the Mausoleum were buried if they still existed. His excavations were almost immediately fruitful of result, and in due time the British Museum profited by his energy, intelligence, and good fortune. Among his companions at this time were the late Mr. R. P. Pullan, Mr. Watts, Mr. Val. Prinsep, and Mr. Spencer Stanhope. Between 1856 and 1859 Newton extended his researches to a number of the coast cities of Asia Minor. He sent home some of those statues which once lined the Sacred Way to the great temple of the Branchidæ, and which are among the most precious relics of early Greek sculpture, and, with less important fragments from Cnidus, the so-called Lion of Cnidus, which he removed from a promontory where it is supposed to have commemorated a naval victory. It was one of Newton's mistakes that, at a great cost, he transported to London this specimen of debased provincial sculpture, destroying its historical value. It was a still greater error when, at a later date, he encumbered the Elgin Room with a work of the kind, which serves to show what a bad sculptor it was possible for a Greek to be.

In conjunction with Mr. Pullan, Newton pub-

lished in 1862-3 two folios, with plates, entitled ished in 1862-3 two folios, with plates, entitled 'A History of Discoveries at Halicarnassus,' &c., and in 1865 two more popular and comprehensive octavos called 'Travels and Discoveries in the Levant'; both of these works we reviewed soon after they were issued. Before then, i.e., in May, 1860, he was appointed British Consul at Rome, a post which he held but a short time, and in which he was succeeded by Joseph Severn, whose elder daughter he had but a short time, and in which he was succeeded by Joseph Severn, whose elder daughter he had married. Mrs. Newton drew with great taste and skill, and was an accomplished woman whose death her husband had to deplore in Meanwhile, Edward Hawkins dying and Mr. Oldfield resigning his post at the British Museum, the way was open for Newton to return; and a rearrangement of posts having simplified the matter, he became Keeper of the Greek and Roman Antiquities, a post which he held till 1885, when age and ill health compelled his resignation, after he had for a while been acting head of the whole Museum. This is not the time to discuss the manner in which he discharged the duties of his manner in which he discharged the duties or his office. Suffice it to say that more than one opinion could be reasonably held on the point. Among his successes was the purchase of the Blacas gems, a gathering of very mixed merits, and of the various antiquities which Signor Castellani had acquired. Whether it was his misfortune or his fault it would be hard to say, but it is certain that to one or the other was due the loss to England of General Cesnola's valuable relics from Cyprus, which are at present in America. One-third (say about 1,400%.) of the money expended upon the inferior Castellani collection would have secured the gems, glass, vases, statues, gold and silver works, bronzes, and what not which are now in New York.

Newton was a sound scholar and a serious student of all the departments of knowledge he professed, so that, on the whole, his work was well done. Deficient in that higher sort of artistic taste which a Keepership such as that which he so long held seems to demand, he made more than one serious mistake where a higher faculty would have guided him safely. His manner to those whom he did not care to onciliate was not engaging, and provoked opposition which militated against his success. He was a K.C.B., D.C.L., and LL.D., an Honorary Fellow of Worcester College, a Corresponding Member of the French Institute, Antiquary to the Royal Academy, and, from 1880 till 1885, Professor of Archæology in University College, London.

#### SALES.

MESSRS. ROBINSON & FISHER sold on the 29th ult. the following pictures: Sir J. Reynolds, Portrait of Judge Dunning, Lord Ashburton, 300l. P. Veronese, The Adoration of the Magi, 194'.

Messrs. Christie, Manson & Woods sold on Messrs. Christie, Manson & Woods sold on the 1st inst. the following. Pictures: A. Van Beijeren, Gold and Silver Vessels, with fruit and still life, 420l. P. de Hooch, A Lady buying Asparagus from a Market Woman in a Dutch Town, 378l. Sculpture: J. Gott, Sylvia and the Wounded Fawn, 89l. After Canova, Three large Campana-shaped Vases, with Satyr-head handles and boys in relief on the sides, 997l. W. F. Woodington, A Gentle Shepherd, 49l.

### Jine-Brt Cossin.

On Monday next, the 10th inst., being the anniversary of the Royal Academy, the prizes of the current year will be distributed to the students in the Lecture Room, Burlington House. The chair will be taken at 9 o'clock. The galleries containing the competition works will be open at 8 o'clock, and they will be open to the public on the 11th inst. from 11 till 4

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of mountain pictures and photographs, associated with the Alpine Club, will be open at the Nineteenth Century Art Gallery, Conduit Street, Regent Street.

Mr. Humphry Ward, it is said, is to make a tour in the United States, lecturing on art and artists. He will start after Christmas.

AT a meeting of the Oxford Architectural and Historical Society on Tuesday, the 20th ult., Mr. J. L. Myres gave an account of the potteries and bronze industries in early Cyprus, from the beginning of the bronze age down to the Roman occupation, and exhibited a number of objects from his recent excavations at Kition, Amathus, Kalopsidha, Hagia Paraskevé, &c. Mr. A. J. Evans called attention to the importance of Cyprus in the early history of the Levant.

On the 25th ult. the monument erected at Poissy in honour of Meissonier was unveiled. The statue is the work of M. Frémiet, and represents Meissonier standing, and holding in his right hand a pencil; in the other hand a little panel, upon which he is supposed to be swiftly making a sketch from the landscape before him. The figure, like the base, is two mètres in height.—M. Boucher's monument of Barbedienne has also been set up. It is in Père-Lachaise.

Apropos to the fine exhibition now open at the Ecole des Beaux-Arts, Paris, of casts, photographs, and plans, the Gazette des Beaux-Arts of this month contains an excellent summary of the excavations of the French at Delphi. A good print illustrates that fine piece of sculpture, an Antinous in marble, part of a group, which was found at Delphi in July last; a cut shows the three charming caryatides dancing, a work of the fourth century B.C., which the French have also recovered from oblivion. M. Homolle is the writer, and he promises to continue his articles.

At Brassempouy, in the south of France, an interesting discovery of prehistoric antiquities has been made. In a stratum containing numerous remains of animals and worked flints were found some ivory figurini of singular character. One is the hilt of a dagger representing the torso of a woman; another, rudely carved, seems to be a child's plaything. The others are broken, but two of these have a special interest because of their bearing many characters resembling the known types of Oriental art, especially Egyptian.

In Attica, on the site of ancient Prasiæ, during the last few weeks some important discoveries have been made relative to the Mycenean age. The prehistoric necropolis of Prasiæ is being excavated by the Athenian Archæological Society, and from the tombs that have already been opened more than two hundred vases have been obtained, together with two sword-blades and three rings, one of gold and two of silver. The vases have the usual Mycenean form; but some of them are characterized by decorative designs not hitherto observed in works of art of that period. Some excavations conducted by Swedes at Kapandriti, also in Attica, have brought to light a prehistoric tumulus, containing a dozen tombs.

SIGNOR A. T. GILLI, the engraver, is dead at Rome.—At Paris, M. Lucien Faucon, Keeper of the Carnavalet Museum, is dead.—A well-known landscape painter, Count Stanislaus Kalckreuth, born in December, 1820, in Posen, has just died at Munich. He was the founder of the Art School at Weimar, of which he acted as director for the space of fourteen years. A number of his landscape paintings are to be found in the "Orangerie" at Potsdam.

A "Medleval Exhibition" is to be opened during the months of August and September, 1895, in the venerable St. Georgen-Kloster at Stein, on the Rhine, between Schaffhausen and Constance.

#### MUSIC

#### THE WEEK.

QUEEN'S HALL.—London Symphony Concerts. CRYSTAL PALACE.—Saturday Concerts. St. James's Hall.—Popular Concerts. Herr Emil Sauer's Recital.

Recital.

Princes' Hall.—Mr. Moberly's Orchestral Concert.
QUEER'S HALL.—Berlioz's 'Paust' by Students of the
Guildhall School of Music.

THE feverish rush of high-class concerts this autumn season must soon decline, but at present the strain on the attention of musical amateurs continues unabated. Mr. Henschel certainly offered a modest programme at the third of his present series of Symphony Concerts on Thursday last week. Herr Humperdinck's Prelude to 'Hänsel und Gretel 'was repeated "by desire," and the only other items for orchestra alone were Schubert's unfinished Symphony in B minor, which was vigorously though not very delicately played, and Wagner's 'Huldigungs' March. Herr David Popper's suite for violoncello and orchestra 'Im Walde' is a very pleasing work, especially in respect of the fourth movement, "Reigen," and the sixth, "Elfentanz," and the veteran artist played it to perfection. Miss Agnes Janson sang Berlioz's fine song 'La Captive' and Mr. Henschel's expressive "There was an ancient king" with all needful artistic

Accounts had been widely circulated concerning the discovery of a violoncello concerto by Haydn, the existence of which was unsuspected until recently, and this work was performed, probably for the first time, at the Crystal Palace at last Saturday's concert. Somewhere about 1870 the solo part was presented to Herr David Popper by an old Viennese amateur, who stated that he had made diligent search at Esterhaz and elsewhere for the score and parts, but had been unable to find them. Herr Popper believes in the authenticity of the concerto, and has made accompaniments from his own pen, as nearly as possible in Haydn's manner. In this labour of love he has been completely successful, and whether the work is by Haydn or is simply a clever forgery does not greatly signify, except as a matter of anti-quarian interest. The themes of the three movements are perhaps more suggestive of Mozart than the older master, but they are decidedly winning in their melodic grace, and the details, as amplified by Herr Popper, are unexceptionably pleasing. Needless to add that the editor of the concerto interpreted the solo part with beautiful refinement. The concert opened with another novelty at Sydenham, namely, Mr. Edward German's suite arranged from his incidental music to 'The Tempter.' In this there are three movements, namely, the Overture, the Berceuse, and the "Bacchanalian Dance," all of which prove far more effective in the concert-room than in the theatre in association with the drama. Mr. German conducted his suite, and its performance afforded evident pleasure to a large audience. Schubert's unfinished Symphony in B minor and Wagner's 'Tannhäuser' Overture were splendidly rendered under the direction of Mr. Manns; and Miss Marie Brema merits unqualified praise for her vocal selections, which consisted of airs by Rontani and Alessandro Scarlatti, and two old Irish melodies, arranged and orchestrated spe-

cially for Miss Brema by Prof. Villiers Stanford.

It is unnecessary to linger over last Saturday's Popular Concert, though words of commendation are due to Miss Agnes Zimmermann for reviving Weber's fine Sonata in c, No. 1, in which she displayed, as usual, manipulative skill of a very high order. There were only two concerted works in the programme, but these were masterpieces of the first rank, namely, Schubert's Quartet in A minor, Op. 29, and Beethoven's Pianoforte Trio in D, Op. 70, No. 1. Miss Ellen Wright's songs, three of which Mr. Santley introduced, are perhaps scarcely suitable for these concerts; but the artist was heard to the fullest advantage in Handel's familiar "Nasce a bosco."

On Monday the name of Smetana appeared for the first time in the programmes of these concerts, the late Bohemian composer being represented by a String Quartet in E minor. As in the case of Schubert, the genius of Smetana did not meet with much recognition until after his death. The present work is very striking, each of the four movements possessing individuality, and at the same time the characteristics of Czechish music. Though Smetana apparently had his own ideas as to form, we cannot agree that the music ever becomes incoherent. It was easy to follow, but, of course, its beauties may become more fully apparent after the second hearing, which we are promised next Monday. The only other concerted work was Schumann's Pianoforte Trio in F, Op. 80. Miss Thudichum, the vocalist of the evening, gave a very tasteful rendering of Massenet's beautiful song 'Pensée d'Automne.'
M. Slivinski contributed a delicate reading of Mozart's Fantasia in c (Köchel's Catalogue, No. 475), not the work (Köchel, No. 396) which, by some odd mistake, was quoted and analyzed. It has become necessary to enter a further protest against the careless manner in which the books of these concerts are prepared. Last week the audience were told that Brahms's Sonata in G for piano and violin, Op. 78, is a "comparatively recent published work," this being probably a reprint of a statement made in 1880, when the work was first performed at the Popular Concerts; and also that Chopin wrote a letter to a friend in November, 1889!

Herr Emil Sauer's fourth pianoforte recital, on Monday afternoon, was an unqualified artistic success; but, for some reason hard to comprehend, the attendance was very scanty. The Dresden virtuoso commenced with Schubert's Fantasia in c, Op. 15, which he was careful to explain would be played according to the "original Ausgabe." This was superfluous, for no amateur would expect to be afflicted by Liszt's perversion of this work in the absence of an orchestra. The delicacy of Herr Sauer's rendering of Beethoven's lovely Rondo in c, Op. 51, No. 2, and Schumann's 'Vogel als Prophet' and "Traumes wirren," was most charming; and Chopin's Sonata in B minor, Op. 58, was beautifully played, though perhaps with less passionate expression than M. Paderewski infuses into this fine work. The recital concluded with minor pieces by Moszkowski, Sgambati, and the performer himself.

Mr. Moberly's white robed string orchestra of seventy-five lady executants is always welcome in London, and the concert 8, '94

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pas justifiably awarded, in consideration of recent events, to Russian music.
I movement called 'Mélancolie,' by Napparalik, cannot be strictly termed Russian
paralik, cannot considerations. Saturrds of s Zim. Sonata s the composer is a Czech by birth, although he has resided for a generation in St. Petersbug, where he has composed a number of operas, symphonies, &c. The excerpt presented on Tuesday is a simple piece, tender and sad in character. A Notturno from Borodin's Second Quartet was played by all the strings, a course perhaps rendered instifiable by the character of the music, hich is orchestral in feeling; and a pleasant pression was created by Rymsky-Korsalof's piquant "Choral Dance" from a suite entitled 'Jour de Fête.' The concert ended with Tscharkowsky's charming Seremade, Op. 48, a work in four movements, which the gifted composer conducted in person at a Philharmonic concert in 1888. It also included Handel's Concerto Grosso n p minor for two solo violins, a solo violoncello, and string orchestral accompaniment, the principal parts of which were effectively played by Miss Winifred Holiday, the leader of the orchestra, Miss Amabel Marshall, and Miss Maud Fletcher. Vocal iems by Haydn, Mozart, De la Borde an amateur musician who studied under Rameau), J. J. Rousseau, and Cherubini were rendered with taste by Mrs. Hutchinon and Miss Margaret Barter, in spite of the evident nervousness of the second-named vocalist. It should be added that Rousseau's songs have been carefully edited by Mr. J. A. Fuller Maitland.

Sir Joseph Barnby displayed dangerous ambition by giving Berlioz's 'Faust' as a students' performance of the Guildhall School of Music on Wednesday evening, and it was but partially justified by results. There is no more skilful choir trainer in any musical centre than the present Principal of the Guildhall School, and the choruses in the French master's work were all well rendered, making allowance for the unfortunate defidency in the number of tenors and basses. The whestra, in which a number of professional players were employed, mainly in the wood vind and brass sections, was on the whole highly commendable, but not very much can besaid in favour of the interpretation of the principal parts. By far the best aspirant was Miss Jessie Hudlestone as Marguerite. Evidently very nervous at first, Miss Hudlestone sang the air "Ah me, my heart is heavy," with touching expression. Mr. Charles Phillips as Mephistopheles enunciated his words with praiseworthy clearness; and Mr. Lloyd Chandos as Faust displayed a ight tenor voice of pleasing quality. This is the most that can be said in favour of the performance.

#### VARIOUS CONCERTS.

THE chamber concert at the Royal College of Music on Thursday last week was interesting, Music on Thursday last week was interesting, two of the leading items being Svendsen's Ottet in A for strings, Op. 3, and Saint-Saëns's Pianoforte Trio in F, Op. 18, both fine works, the latter showing the French composer's German proclivities. These and Beethoven's Sonata in c minor, Op. 111, were all remarkably well rendered by pupils of the College.

Mrs. Henschel gave the first of three vocal Reitlas at the Salle Ferral on Friday afternoon.

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last week, with a programme of the refined class associated with this charming artist. Her first selections were Handel's "There in myrtle shades reclined" from 'Hercules,' and "Qual farfalletta" from 'Partenope.' Then came songs by Robert Franz, and a charming lyric, 'Durch söusalude Böume,' by R. Kahn, Liggt's Durch säuselnde Bäume,' by R. Kahn ; Liszt's 'Die Loreley,' and a Berceuse by Bizet. Mrs. Henschel's last contributions to the entertainment included two songs by her husband, "Thro's stookit fields," a new and piquant composition, stookt fields, a new and piquan composition, and "Shouggie shou my bairnie." Both of these have words in the Scottish dialect, and were probably introduced in recognition of St. Andrew's Day. Madame Augarde played some pianoforte solos in a generally commendable

The usual St. Andrew's Day concerts were given on the 30th ult., and the Queen's Hall was utilized for the first time on this anniversary, the surprising voice power displayed by Mr. Sims Reeves and the perfectly balanced part-singing of the Glasgow Select Choir meriting record. At St. James's Hall, Howard Glover's rather faded cantata 'Tam o' Shanter' was revived, Mr. Santley taking the solo part and the London Scottish Choir the choruses. There was nothing worthy of note in the Albert Hall programme.

The entire third acts of Wagner's 'Tann-häuser' and 'Lohengrin' formed the scheme of Sir Charles Halle's Manchester concert on Thursday evening this week, with Miss Alice Esty, Miss Laura Haworth, Mr. Edward Lloyd, and Mr. Andrew Black in the principal parts. Lengthy excerpts from the Bayreuth master's music dramas are still increasing in favour with

those who frequent concerts.

An agreeable concert was given by Signorina Paola Teodoras at the Salle Erard on Tuesday afternoon, the young pianist giving an intelli-gent rendering of Beethoven's Sonata in D minor, Op. 31, No. 2, Chopin's Ballade in a minor, and minor pieces. Miss Cécile Elieson contributed some violin solos, and Mr. Barrington Foote

some songs, both winning approval.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Theodor Plowitz gave a concert at the Steinway Hall with the assistance of M. Nachèz. Grieg's Pianoforte and Violin Sonata in c minor, Op. 45, was well played by the two artists named; and Miss Agnes Janson introduced a vigorous new song, entitled 'A Norway Champion,' also by Grieg.

Madame Plowitz, Mlle. Paula Edenfeld, and
Mr. Ben Davies took part in the concert.

#### Musical Cossin.

Messes. Aschereec & Co. have published the recently discovered Nocturne of Chopin, and from internal evidence there is little doubt concerning its authorship. It is in c sharp minor, and though not worthy to compare in beauty and individuality with some of the nocturnes, it contains some turns, alike in the melody and in the harmonic progressions, which must be the work of the Polish composer or of some very clever imitator.

A NEW string quartet party, consisting of Bohemian artists, is now performing in Germany with extraordinary success, and will probably appear in London late in the current season. The names of the artists are Karl Hoffmann, Joseph Suk, Oscar Nedbal, and Hans Wihan.

Le Ménestrel states that shortly before his death Rubinstein completed an orchestral suite in five movements and also a cantata for the inauguration of the new conservatoire at St. Petersburg.

We have received the prospectus of the "London Symphony Orchestra Company." The main object is to provide the metropolis with a permanent orchestra for classical and miscellaneous concerts, the body, of course, being available for provincial engagements.

Mr. Henschel has been appointed conductor,

and the directors are Messrs. Victor Rubens, Carl Meyer, Alexander Siemens, and Daniel Mayer. It is proposed to commence operations in the autumn of next year, and the best wishes of all musicians and amateurs are certain to be extended to the new undertaking.

Mr. Herkomer has recently composed a set of six easy pieces for violin, with pianoforte accompaniment, entitled respectively 'Frühlingslied,' 'Klagelied,' 'Liebeslied,' 'Herbstlied,' 'Wanderlied,' and 'Abendlied.' These will be published in a few days by Messrs. Novello, in the form of an album with six full. Novello, in the form of an album, with six full-page (folio) illustrations from original drawings on the stone by Prof. Herkomer.

Mr. Frederic Lamond, the young Scottish pianist, has lately been winning much success in Germany, particularly in Frankfort, Leipzig, and Dresden. He is admired alike for his ex-pressive style, his beautiful gradations in tone, and his generally brilliant technique.

By a curious and sad coincidence the news of the death of the Russian Emperor arrived at Moscow during the performance of Rubinstein's Overture to his opera 'Nero' in the Imperial The régisseur at once communicated Theatre. the intelligence to the audience, who quietly dispersed. A few days later the great virtuoso and composer himself paid the debt to nature.

A NEW edition of Schubert's songs has just Hartel, of Leipzig. It will be issued in ten volumes, and as far as possible in chronological

The German musical papers are jubilant because the New York World was prevented from publishing the text and the music of the German Emperor's 'Sang an Ægir,' owing to the fact that the copyright, assigned to Messrs. Bote & Bock, of Berlin, had been duly registered in America.

WE have received Noël, a book of carols Christmastide, written and designed by Charles I. Foulkes, music by H. A. Vincent Ransom (Nutt). This is a large, though not very ponderous, quarto volume, containing ten carols, each with an illustration in a style decidedly antique, but showing artistic feeling. The words have also a mediæval flavour, but it can scarcely be said that the composer has fully entered into the task entrusted to him with the proper spirit. He indulges almost as freely in chromatic progressions as Bach did in his treat-ment of old German chorals, which, of course, renders his music difficult; but the volume should be regarded as an ornamental rather than a popular publication, and in the former sense it deserves an honourable place among Christmas books.

#### PERFORMANCES NEXT WEEK.

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#### DRAMA

THE 'IPHIGENEIA IN TAURIS' AT CAMBRIDGE.

ONCE more the power of a Greek drama to interest and move a modern audience has been effectively shown, and that in a case where some doubts might reasonably have been felt. It is true that the occasional performances of great artists in Goethe's fine transcript of the story of Iphigeneia have to some extent familiarized playgoers with the subject, but their success has usually been won not so much in the title rôle as in the part of Orestes, while at Cambridge the remarkable acting of Mr. Roderick Geikie has concentrated attention on

Iphigeneia. Justified as they have been in their choice of subject, it must be admitted that in one respect the Cambridge committee handicapped themselves severely-I mean by substituting a male chorus for the Greek maidens who in the original drama wait on Iphigeneia and enter naturally alike into her sorrows and her joys. It is true that the same change was made with the Furies in the 'Eumenides,' and with Creusa's attend-ants in the 'Ion'; but in neither case was the alike into her sorrows and her joys. result so incongruous, nor did it involve any interference with the action. In the present instance, except for two or three short speeches which are necessarily given to four "Temple Maidens," the bulk of the choric odes are sung by a male chorus who bear no relation whatever to the actors, and whose presence and nationality are not accounted for. Dr. Verrall contends, in the preface to his English version, that the three main odes (which the Greeks would call "Stasima," but he for his purpose christens "Entr'actes") are "very loosely attached to the drama," but I doubt whether this idea would have suggested itself even to his ingenious mind if he had not been called upon to justify a decision arrived at on called upon to justify a decision arrived at on quite other grounds. An unprejudiced reader quite other grounds. An unprejudiced reader must admit that the odes lose more than half their significance in the mouths of any but Argive maidens devoted to Iphigeneia, and eager alike to aid in and share her escape from captivity among a barbarous people. "Necessity" seems a strong word to use where expediency can at best be pleaded. It is no more impossible to dress a chorus in female garb than the principal character and her four attendants, and the effect of such a chorus singing with male voices could not only be justified by Greek precedent, but would soon be forgiven when it was seen to allow the chorus to forgiven when it was seen to allow the chorus to take their natural part in the action.

I am sorry to have dwelt so long upon what I hold to have been a vital defect in the perform-It is pleasanter to turn to the representation as a whole and to record that, except for the inevitable flatness of the final scene, the interest was well sustained throughout.

It is needless to tell the story of the play, which, except for a few short omissions, was acted in its entirety. I have already hinted that the main feature in the performance was Mr. Geikie's admirable impersonation of Iphigeneia. Even in the opening scene he showed the variety in intonation and gesture, the natural action and expression, the ease and gracefulness of movement, which, as the play proceeded, made his realization of the character more and more convincing. Not only in the critical moments, but in the slighter touches, whether of speech or by-play, it was evident that the actor had thought out the part thoroughly, and actor had thought out the part thoroughly, and so, though without any sense of effort, every point was made. The illusion was undoubtedly helped by a somewhat high-pitched and very flexible voice. Mr. Geikie's elocution at times left something to be desired, but in this respect also improvement was noticeable as the play went on. Where all was good it is needless to particularize, but I would select for special praise the speech where, after the herdsman has

related the capture of the two Greeks, Iphigeneia recalls her treatment at Aulis; the recognition scene throughout, and especially the later part when her sisterly tenderness and devotion are called forth and she makes pathetic appeal to the fidelity of her attendants; and finally, the scene with Thoas, where she bears away the image of the goddess and parries the king's inquiries by references to supposed pollution and necessary but mysterious rites of expiation. Here one was never allowed to forget, under the enforced calm of the priestess, the terrible anxiety of the woman who was trust-ing to her wit alone to rescue herself, her brother, and his friend from a cruel death. the procession passed away seaward, Thoas, who had hidden his face at Iphigeneia's bidding, instinctively turned to look after it; Iphigeneia turned also, and with uplifted arms warned him back. This striking gesture, by the way, would not have been possible if the strict letter of the text had been adhered to and Iphigeneia had retained in her own hands, instead of entrusting to her chief attendant, the sacred image of the goddess. As it was, it made a very effective

close to a really remarkable performance.

No other actor showed the same dramatic faculty as Mr. Geikie, but the Orestes of Mr. F. Stephenson was, on the whole, creditable, and in the recognition scene he rose to the occasion. His gestures were generally appropriate, and those which recalled his madness were free from exaggeration. Mr. R. Balfour's delivery of the herdsman's speech was admirable: very natural in gesture and with a full sense of the humorous side of the situation. His elocution was distinctly better than that of any other member of the company. Thoas and Pylades were fairly well played by Mr. J. P. Thompson and Mr. A. W. Watson. Mr. H. T. G. Watkins delivered the long speech of the messenger with intelligence, though his intonation and gesture lacked emphasis and variety. Mr. Grand d'Auteville was a stately

representative of Athena.

Great pains had evidently been taken to combine accuracy with beauty, both in the scenery and the dresses. The jagged rocks which occu-pied the left side of the stage rendered faith-fully, we are told, the coast scenery of the Crimea. The temple of Artemis was of the true archaic type, with wooden fluted columns and walls of polygonal masonry. The blue sea flecked with foam made a lovely background. flecked with foam made a lovely background. The Greek costumes call for no special comment. But the dresses and weapons of the Scythian guard, who wore long tunics, close-fitting trousers, peaked helmets, and quivers of a peculiar curved shape, were copied from a Greek vase found in the Crimea. The general throng of natives who appeared in the last scene were more rudely dressed, and excited some amusement, partly, I think, from their undoubted resemblance to the figures in the "Prehistoric Peeps" with which Mr. Reed has "Prehistoric Peeps" with which Mr. Reed has entertained us in the pages of Punch.

It is not my province to speak of Mr. Charles Wood's music from the technical point of view, but the general effect of it was excellent, and the beauty and variety of the so-called Haleyon ode were especially noticeable. The chorus of "supers" had been well trained, and in attack and intonation left little to be desired. The composer himself conducted with great vigour

and success.

The stage management was as usual excellent. Let us hope that the financial result may be such as to encourage another effort of the kind a few years hence. Another play of Aristophanes, or a repetition of 'The Birds' with Dr. Parry's admirable music, would be generally welcome.

#### Bramatic Cossip.

'Ashes' is the title of a three-act play by Messrs. Edward Collins and Richard Saunders,

tentatively produced on Friday afternoon in last week at the Prince of Wales's Theatre. Under no circumstances could a work so gloomy and depressing have had a very brilliant probability of success. Such remote chance as it bability of success. possessed was destroyed by the incompetence possessed was destroyed by the incompetence of some of the female exponents, who, whatever promise they may exhibit, are as yet far from having mastered a method. Mr. Glenney played with much intensity as the hero; Mr. Philip Cunningham was competent in a stern and almost morose character; and Mr. Saunders, one of the authors, assumed a rôle to which were assigned such "plums" as the dialogue possessed.

'Money' will be withdrawn on the 21st inst. from the Garrick Theatre, and 'Slaves of the Ring,' by Mr. Grundy, will, it is anticipated, be produced on the 29th. Mr. Arthur Bourchier, released by Sir Augustus Harris, will play a leading part in the novelty, in which Mr. Hare, Mr. Gilbert Hare, Mr. Brandon Thomas, Miss Kate Rorke, and Miss Calhoun will also appear. will also appear.

MR. TREE'S final arrangements previous to quitting London for America have been made, and his season will conclude on the 29th inst. on Thursday afternoon Mr. Tree was seen in 'The Red Lamp' and 'The Balladmonger.' On the 12th, when Mr. Tree presides over the annual dinner of the Actors' Benevolent Fund, the Haymarket will be closed.

MISS ELLALINE TERRISS has been released by Mr. Irving from her engagement to play Elaine in 'King Arthur,' a character shorn in the play of much of the importance assigned it in Sir Thomas Malory and Lord Tennyson, and will continue her pretty and vivacious performance in 'His Excellency.'

'A FOLLY OF AGE,' a one-act comedy by Mr. Arthur Ingram, has been added to the bill at the Opéra Comique.

A READING was given on Monday afternoon at the Haymarket Theatre of Mr. Hall Caine's drama in story 'The Mahdi; or, Love and Race,' since printed as the Christmas number of the Christian World. Mr. Zangwill took the lion's share of the reading, but other writers and publishers spoke portions of the dialogue, so as to give the whole the character of a performance and thus seeing convergible. It is formance, and thus secure copyrights. It is difficult under such conditions to judge of the value of the whole for theatrical purposes. The characters are, however, powerfully drawn, and there is matter which, skilfully used, might prove dramatically effective.

THE Court Theatre, which has been closed during the week, reopens this evening with the revival of Mr. Hamilton Aïdé's adaptation 'Doctor Bill,' first given in February, 1890, at

Mr. LEONARD BOYNE has not long retained Mr. Alexander's rôle in 'The Masqueraders, which Mr. Alexander himself, now recovered from his illness, resumed on Wednesday last.

MR. HEINEMANN will publish on the 12th inst. both a small Norwegian edition and the English translation by Mr. William Archer of Henrik Ibsen's new play 'Little Eyolf.' It will be issued simultaneously in Copenhagen, Christiania Pallin Paris. tiania, Berlin, Paris, and Boston. A copyright performance in Norwegian took place at the Haymarket Theatre on Tuesday morning.

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